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Preschools get alert over rising cases of infections
BENGALURU
With viral infections, chickenpox, Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD), and other such conditions on the rise amongst children, preschools and nursery schools in the city are taking various precautionary measures.
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August set to be month of travel, rain or shine
BENGALURU
The long weekend between August 11 and August 15 will see people of Bengaluru heading out in hordes, with both government and private travel organisers reporting a big jump in bookings. Pouring rains have hardly proved a dampener to those bitten by the travel bug.
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Will hoist national flag at Idgah maidan: Zameer
BENGALURU
B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, Chamarajpet MLA, said the national flag will be hoisted on Republic Day, Independence Day, and on November 1 at the Idgah maidan. Mr. Khan said that he will convene a meeting on August 10 at his office, regarding the flag hoisting.
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Nitish calls JD(U) meet today as political crisis brews in Bihar

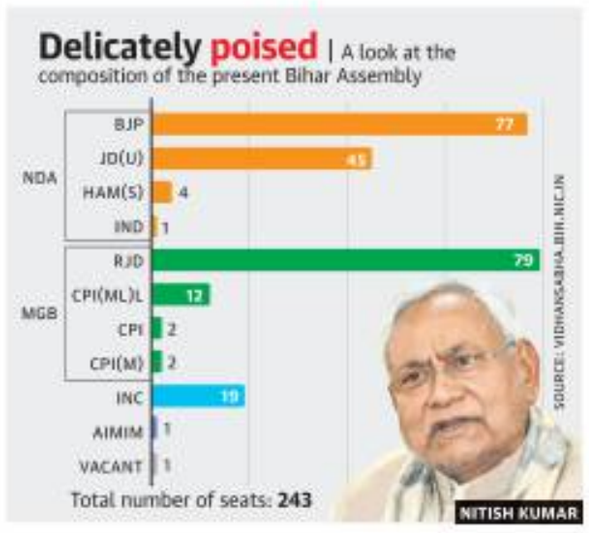
Opposition RJD says it is ready to 'embrace' the Chief Minister if he ditches BJP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A political storm seems to be brewing in Bihar, with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar convening a meeting of MPs and MLAs of the Janata Dal(U) on Tuesday to discuss the situation in his party and the State following the resignation of former national president R.C.P. Singh from the party on very bitter terms.

Mr. Singh, a former Union Minister, resigned on Saturday after the JD(U) sent a notice seeking explanation on the charges of corruption levelled against him.

The announcement of the meeting is a fixed point in the fluid political situation now developing in the State with regard to the National Democratic Alliance and the relationship between the BJP and the JD(U).



Meet with Sonia

JD(U) national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh, aka Lalan Singh, did not react to speculation that Mr. Kumar might walk out of the alliance, though according to sources, Mr. Kumar is said to have spoken to Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Sunday evening. There was no official word on this from the Congress either.

"The Chief Minister has called the meeting of party lawmakers tomorrow [Tuesday] to know their views about the situation that has emerged in the wake of the R.C.P. episode," Mr. Singh said.

On Sunday, however, Mr. Singh had used sharp words to describe certain "conspiracies" against the JD(U), one of them, according to him, being the Lok Janshakti Party, headed by Chirag Paswan, contesting the Bihar Assembly election alone, and becoming a vote cutter, which ultimately led to the JD(U)'s tally being reduced to 43 seats (currently 45 seats).

The JD(U) believes that it was the BJP's covert attempt at undercutting the JD(U) numbers during the election. "There is another *shadyantra* (conspiracy) which we will also come out by and by," he said, referring to Mr. R.C.P Singh.

Growing distrust

The reason for the former Union Steel Minister's exit from the Cabinet and later from the JD(U) is seen as his growing proximity to the BJP, at the cost of the JD(U), because of which he was denied a renomination to the Rajya Sabha which made his continuation in the Union Council of Ministers untenable.

This incident and a few others before it have led to a growing distrust between the BJP and the JD(U).

Mr. Kumar skipped at least four meetings called by the Union government, including the swearing-in ceremony of President Droupadi Murmu, to signal his displeasure.

Making things interesting, the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), a former ally of the JD (U) and the single largest party in the Bihar Assembly, on Monday indicated that it was ready to "embrace" Mr. Kumar and his party, while the Congress, another erstwhile ally, called a meeting of its legislative party in the State.

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BJP stands by JD(U) alliance

NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Monday said it stood by what party president J.P. Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah told party leaders in Patna in late July – that the BJP would be fighting the 2024 Lok Sabha election and 2025 Assembly election with the Janata Dal(U).

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Don't disturb normal affairs with Sri Lanka: China to India

Beijing terms New Delhi's opposition to ship visit 'senseless'

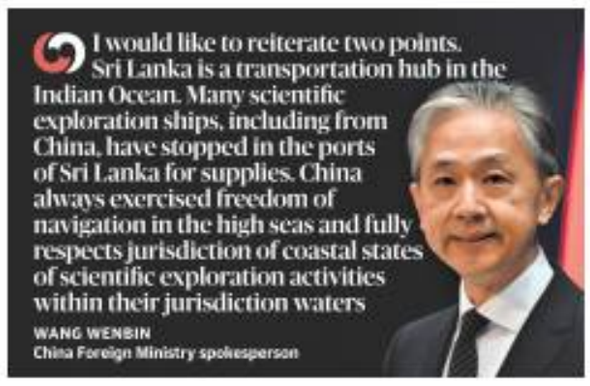
ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

Reacting strongly to Sri Lanka's request to delay the visit of a tracking vessel that was due to arrive on August 11 and had aroused India's concerns, China on Monday described India's opposition to the visit as "senseless" and "urged" New Delhi to "not disturb normal exchanges" between the two countries.

The *Yuan Wang 5* had last month been given clearance by Sri Lanka to stop in the port of Hambantota from August 11 to 17 to carry out replenishment.

The visit of a space and satellite tracking vessel for close to a week had, however, aroused concerns in New Delhi, and last week, Sri Lanka's government conveyed to China that it wanted the visit deferred "until further consultations" were made. Chinese Ambassador Qi Zhenhong sought a meeting with President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Saturday, after receiving the note verbale from the Sri Lankan Foreign Ministry requesting a delay in the visit.

China's Foreign Ministry on Monday hit out at opposition to the visit, terming it "senseless". "We have noted the relevant report," spokesperson Wang Wenbin said in response to a question on Sri Lanka's deferral request.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WANG WENBIN
China Foreign Ministry spokesperson

"I would like to reiterate two points. Sri Lanka is a transportation hub in the Indian Ocean. Many scientific exploration ships, including from China, have stopped in the ports of Sri Lanka for supplies," he said. "China always exercised freedom of navigation in the high seas and fully respects jurisdiction of coastal states of scientific exploration activities within their jurisdiction waters," he added.

He added that "Sri Lanka is a sovereign state" and "can develop relations with other countries in the light of its own development interests". "The cooperation of China and Sri Lanka is independently chosen by the two countries and does not target third parties," he said. "Citing the concept of security concerns is senseless to pressure Sri Lanka."

Without referring directly to India, Mr. Wang said China "urges relevant parties to see China's scientific exploration in a reasonable and sensible way and stop disturbing normal exchanges between China and Sri Lanka".

'Diplomatic clearance'

Sri Lanka's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in a statement late on Monday, said that on July 12 it had given "diplomatic clearance" for the Chinese vessel to make a port call at Hambantota for replenishment purposes.

"Subsequently in light of the need for further consultations, the Ministry has communicated to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to defer the visit of the said vessel," the Ministry said, in its first official statement on the visit.

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Krishna, Godavari levels on the rise

Heavy rain in catchment areas in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana and A.P.

B. CHANDRASHEKHAR
HYDERABAD

With heavy to very heavy rain lashing most of the catchment areas of the Godavari and Krishna basins in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, the water level in the main course of the two rivers in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh is on the rise.

The Central Water Commission (CWC), based on a forecast by the India Meteorological Department, has indicated that water flow in the Godavari at Kanthanapally, the point after the Indravathi joins the main river course, could be about 6.25 lakh cusecs by the early hours of Tuesday. At 6 p.m. on Monday, the water flow at the Medigadda Barrage, upstream of Kanthanapally, was about 5.34 lakh cusecs with a forecast of rising trend.

Crucial time: Excess water being released from the Prakasam Barrage at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh on Monday. • K.V. S GIRI

The Indravathi, which contributes most to the Godavari after the Pranahitha, is in spate in Chhattisgarh, with the river flowing above the warning level of 539.5 metres at Jagdalpur and is forecast to cross the danger level of 540.8 metres by early on Tuesday.

Authorities of the Water Resources Department lifted all the 70 gates of the Prakasam Barrage and released 70,000 cusecs of water into the sea on Monday. This is the second time this season that the gates have been lifted. Nearly 82,161 cusecs of flood waters is reaching the barrage from the upper catchment areas.

With contribution from the Manjira, Kaddam, Peddavagu and Pranahitha, the water flow at Polavaram is forecast to be over 6.55 lakh cusecs by late on Monday. According to the Irrigation Department authorities of Telangana, the Singur and Nizamsagar projects were getting a moderate water flow of 5,735 and 8,000 cusecs at 6 p.m. on Monday.

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Golden finish
It was a windfall for India on the final day of the Commonwealth Games on Monday, with the country winning six medals, including four gold, one silver and one bronze
The performance of the shuttlers was the highlight of the day with P.V. Sindhu and Lakshya Sen winning singles titles and Chirag Shetty-Satwiksairaj Rankireddy taking the honours in men's doubles
The men's hockey team was outplayed 0-7 by Australia in the final. It is the nation's third silver in the Games after 2010, 2014
India signed off with 22 gold medals, its joint fourth-best show in terms of gold medals
With a tally of 61 medals (including 16 silver and 23 bronze), India finished fourth in the standings
Australia was the most dominant nation with 67 gold medals, 10 more than England
Table tennis star A. Sharath Kamal claimed his second CWG singles gold on Monday, 16 years after his first. With gold in men's team and mixed doubles in Birmingham, Sharath now has a total of seven CWG gold medals to go along with three silver and three bronze
The next Commonwealth Games would be hosted by the State of Victoria in Australia in 2026
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Eight-year-old washed away in swollen stream

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Sannidhi

An eight-year-old girl studying in Class II fell into a swollen stream while crossing a wooden footbridge on her way back home from school and was washed away in Kalthodu village of Byndoor taluk, Udupi district, on Monday. Officials gave the name of the girl as Sannidhi, daughter of Pradeep and Sumithra Poojari, residents of Makkimane in Kalthodu.

She was a student of Government Higher Primary School in nearby Chapparike. Government agencies have mounted search operations for the missing girl.

Byndoor tahsildar (incharge) Kiran Gowraiah told *The Hindu* that the distance between the school and the victim's residence was hardly 2 km. While one senior member of the family used to accompany her to and fro from school, none accompanied Sannidhi after school hours on Monday. A midday meal worker of the school accompanied a few schoolchildren, including Sannidhi. Though the worker was holding Sannidhi's hand, the girl fell into the stream as the wooden logs had become slippery due to rain, Mr. Gowraiah said.

Restrictions on public celebration of Ganesha festivities removed

Decision triggers concern among health experts as COVID cases have been rising

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State government has withdrawn all restrictions related to public celebration of Ganesha festival this year, except for insisting that the idol has to be environment-friendly.

Revenue Minister R. Ashok said at a press conference here on Monday that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had issued instructions to this effect after holding consultations.

With this, all restrictions on Ganesha festivities enforced during the height of COVID-19, such as confining public celebrations to only one idol per ward in Bengaluru and one idol per panchayat in rural areas, have been lifted.

A file photo of Ganesha festival celebration in Belagavi.

However, the removal of curbs on public celebrations has caused concern among health experts as Karnataka has been identified by the Centre as one of the States that is reporting a steady rise in COVID-19 cases. The Centre recently wrote to the State government reminding about the need for strict action as Karnataka contributed to 10.01% of the country's new cases in the first week of this month.

The move is being seen as an effort to mollify BJP workers who had started demanding that the restrictions be withdrawn as most of the activities had returned to normal. The cadre had also been been building pressure on government to uphold Hindutva ideology.

The move is also being interpreted as an attempt by the BJP to woo its support base ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections. The Chief Minister is believed to have taken the decision to withdraw the restrictions after discussing with senior colleagues in the Cabinet.

Panel bats for equality in child's guardianship

'HMGA discriminates against women'

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

A mother and father should have equal rights as guardians of their children and the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act (HMGA), 1956 should be amended as it discriminates against women, a parliamentary panel has recommended in its report.

"The said Act does not provide for joint guardianship nor does it recognise the mother as the guardian of the minor legitimate child unless the father is deceased or is found unfit. The Act gives preference to father over mother, it goes against the right to equality and right against discrimination envisaged under Articles 14 and 15 of the Constitution. The committee feels that there is an urgent need to amend the HMGA and accord equal treatment to both mother and father as natural guardians," says the department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice, which tabled its report on Monday on 'Review of Guardianship and Adoption Laws'.

Section 6 of the HMGA lays down that in the case of a Hindu minor boy and a Hindu minor unmarried girl, the father is the natural guardian and 'after' him the mother.

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Infra assets monetised

1.62 In ₹ lakh crore, the worth of infrastructure assets expected to be monetised during FY22-23. The government had last year announced a ₹6 lakh crore National Monetisation Pipeline to unlock value in infrastructure assets across sectors till 2025. Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said about ₹97,000 crore worth of public assets were monetised in the last fiscal. The proposed transactions include highway TOT bundles and InvIT future rounds, redevelopment of sports stadia etc. PTI

Scheme for beedi workers

49.82 In lakh, the number of 'beedi' workers and their families in India, for whom the Centre is running a labour welfare scheme, according to Union Labour and Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav. Mr. Yadav said the scheme envisages health care facilities, scholarships and housing for the workers. He added that under the scheme, health care facility is provided to 'beedi' workers and their families within a network of 285 dispensaries and 10 hospitals across the country. PTI

Perfect score

24 The number of candidates to have scored a perfect 100 in engineering entrance JEE-Main, according to the National Testing Agency (NTA). The maximum number of candidates who have scored a 100 NTA score are from Andhra Pradesh (5), Telangana (5) followed by Rajasthan (4). NTA score is not the same as the percentage of marks obtained. The scores are normalised across multi-session papers and are based on the relative performance of all those who appeared for the examination in one session. PTI

Insolvency cases

1,999 The number of cases of corporate insolvency resolution processes (CIRP) going on under the insolvency law as of June this year out of which only 436 are in the real estate sector. These resolutions are done under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code which provides for resolutions through a market-driven process. The Minister of State for Corporate Affairs said that the time taken for CIRP depended on factors such as market sentiments, marketing efforts and so on. PTI

Refugees in Finland

35,074 The number of asylum seekers to have registered in Finland as of August 4, owing to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, creating a new record for the country. One-third of those fleeing Ukraine were children. It has so far processed 33,480 applications for protection, meaning around 95% of applicants have already received a decision. A total of 33,231 applicants have been granted protection, meaning less than 1% have not been given asylum. AFP

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EXPLAINER

Manipur's NRC exercise

Which are the other northeastern States to undertake similar processes for separating indigenous communities from non-indigenous groups?

THE GIST

- On July 5, the 60-member Manipur Assembly resolved to implement the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and establish a State Population Commission (SPC).
- The northeastern States have been paranoid about "outsiders", swamping out their numerically weaker indigenous communities. The Meiteis and the Nagas of Manipur claim that an NRC is necessary because the political crisis in neighbouring Myanmar has forced hundreds of people into the State from across its 398-km international border. A majority of those who fled belong to the Kuki-Chin communities, ethnically related to the Kuki-Zomi people.
- Apart from the Kuki-Chin groups, pro-NRC groups have identified "Bangladeshis" and Muslims from Myanmar who have "occupied the constituency of Jiribam and scattered in the valley areas" as well as Nepalis (Gurkhas) who have "risen in tremendous number" as "outsiders".

RAHUL KARMAKAR

The story so far: On July 5, the 60-member Manipur Assembly resolved to implement the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and establish a State Population Commission (SPC). The approval to a couple of private member resolutions moved by Janata Dal (United) MLA, Khumukcham Joykishan came after more than two dozen organisations, most of them tribal, demanded an Assam-like NRC to protect the indigenous people from a perceived demographic invasion by "non-local residents".

Why is Manipur pushing for NRC?
The northeastern States have been paranoid about "outsiders", "foreigners" or "alien cultures" swamping out their numerically weaker indigenous communities. Manipur, home to three major ethnic groups, is no different.

Nagaland attempted a similar exercise called RIIN (Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland) in 2019 to sift the indigenous Nagas from the non-indigenous Nagas

These ethnic groups are the non-tribal Meitei people concentrated in the Imphal Valley, the central part of Manipur, and the tribal Naga and Kuki-Zomi groups mostly inhabiting the hills around. There has been a history of conflict among these three groups, but the NRC issue has seemingly put the Meiteis and the Nagas on the same page. They claim that an NRC is necessary because the political crisis in neighbouring Myanmar, triggered by the military coup in February 2021, has forced hundreds of people into the State from across its 398-km international border. A majority of those who fled or are fleeing belong to the Kuki-Chin communities, ethnically related to the Kuki-Zomi people in Manipur as well as the Mizos of Mizoram. In July, seven Manipur students' organisations and 19 tribal and mixed groups – none of them representing the Kuki-Zomi people – submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah demanding the implementation of NRC and the establishment of an SPC to "check and balance the population growth". The State Assembly bowed to these demands and decided to go for NRC and SPC.

Has Manipur had protective mechanisms?
In December 2019, Manipur became the fourth northeastern State to be brought under the inner-line permit (ILP) system after Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland. A temporary official travel document to allow inward travel of an Indian citizen into a protected area, the ILP is implemented under the British-era Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation. But less than two years later, an umbrella organisation that spearheaded the ILP movement said the system was flawed and that Manipur needed a stronger and more effective mechanism for protecting indigenous populations. The pro-NRC organisations said Manipur did have a robust pass or permit system that regulated the entry and settlement of outsiders. But it was abolished by the then chief commissioner Himmat Singh in November 1950, a tad more than a year after Manipur's merger with the Union of India. This, they said, led to the increase "beyond imagination" in the population of non-indigenous people.

They also recalled a movement in the 1980s for the detection and deportation of foreigners from Manipur, following which the State government had signed two agreements for using 1951 as the base year for identifying the non-residents and evicting them. In June this year, Nongthombam Biren Singh's BJP-led government approved 1961 as the base year for identifying the "natives" for the purpose of ILP. Most groups are not happy with this cut-off year and insist on 1951 as the cut-off year for the NRC exercise.

Are Myanmar nationals the only bugbears?
According to data presented in the Manipur Assembly, the population growth rates in the hill districts of the State were 153.3% between 1971 and 2001 and 250.9% between 2001 and 2011 compared to the corresponding national growth rate of 87.67% and 120% respectively. In the case of the valley (Imphal and Jiribam, a small patch adjoining southern Assam's Barak Valley) districts, the growth rate was 94.8% and 125.4% during these periods. The abnormal population growth rates of the hill districts point to a strong possibility of a huge influx of non-Indians. The situation is such that smaller indigenous communities may face extinction, necessitating a study and action, the House was told. This indicated the government had Myanmar nationals, primarily the Kukis, on its radar.

They are not the only communities to be viewed as demographic invaders. The pro-NRC groups have identified "Bangladeshis" and Muslims from Myanmar who have "occupied the constituency of Jiribam and scattered in the valley areas", as well as Nepalis (Gurkhas) who have "risen in tremendous number". The Kukis have termed the threat perception irrational. The Kuki Inpi, the apex body of the community, said an NRC implemented with 1961 or 1951 as the cut-off year will not succeed and would affect some Meiteis and Nagas too. The major worry for the Kukis are community members who had to relocate from Senapati, Tamenglong and Ukhrul districts after an alleged ethnic cleansing by Naga extremist groups.

What is the status of the NRC elsewhere in the northeast?
Assam is the only State in the region that undertook an exercise to update the NRC of 1951 with March 24, 1971, as the cut-off date for citizenship of a person. This date, incorporated in the Assam Accord of 1985 that ended a six-year anti-foreigners movement, was chosen because a large number of people were believed to have crossed over from erstwhile East Pakistan from March 25, 1971, onwards after Pakistan launched an operation to effectively start the Bangladesh liberation war. The complete draft of the Assam NRC was published in August 2019, excluding 19.06 lakh out of 3.3 crore applicants, which the BJP-led government in the State and some indigenous groups have refused to accept. Their petitions for re-verification of the NRC to weed out "Bangladeshis", allegedly included erroneously or fraudulently, are pending before the Supreme Court, which had monitored the exercise.

Nagaland attempted a similar exercise called RIIN (Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland) in June 2019 to primarily sift the indigenous Nagas from the non-indigenous Nagas. The move, seen as directed particularly against the Nagas of adjoining Manipur, was shelved following opposition from several groups, including the extremist National Socialist Council of Nagalim or NSCN (I-M), the bulk of whose members are ironically from Manipur.

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EXPLAINER

Chellanam's new tetrapod-based seawall

Why was this new installation necessary? How has it improved the lives of the coastal residents?

M. P. PRAVEEN

The story so far: Over the past few years, Chellanam, an idyllic coastal village in Kerala's Ernakulam district, would unfailingly hit the headlines during the monsoons for massive sea incursion and widespread destruction of homes. However, this monsoon, despite heavy spells of rain lashing Ernakulam district from May, Chellanam has remained largely unaffected thanks to the construction of a new tetrapod-based seawall.

What used to happen before?
Earlier, the conventional seawall of Chellanam failed to check sea ingress which resulted in massive ruin and destruction. This triggered one of the longest-running protest campaigns, which is now well past 1,000 days, demanding a permanent solution. Coastal erosion, which intensified after Cyclone Ockhi in 2017 further worsened with Cyclone Tauktae last year, leaving many residents in relief camps for extended periods. Since then, many of them chose to either seek rented accommodation for shorter durations or relocate forever by selling off their small holdings under the State Fisheries Department's Punargeham project in the face of periodic onslaught by the sea which rendered their homes uninhabitable.

Tetrapods being constructed along the coast of Chellanam on May 27. •THULASI KAKKAT

Now, due to the tetrapod-based seawall, residents of the coastal village vouch that even those stretches that were most vulnerable to sea erosion have remained by and large safe. Many said after years of living on tenterhooks, expecting to move to relief camps with their belongings at the most unseemly hours, they could sleep in peace during this monsoon.

What are the contours of the seawall project?
The construction of the tetrapod-based seawall forms the foundation of the ₹344 crore coastal conservation project being implemented by the State government in Chellanam. The six networks of groynes being erected along the Chellanam Bazar area, which used to face the wrath of the sea in the past, are also part of the project.

In the first phase, the wall is being constructed in a little over seven-km stretch between Chellanam harbour and Puthanthodu. The Kozhikode-based Uralungal Labour Contract Co-operative Society (ULCCS), one of India's oldest worker cooperatives, which is entrusted with the production and deployment of tetrapods, assures that the work is well on course to finish before the next monsoon. The project was launched on the basis of a study conducted by the Chennai-based National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR) while the work is being supervised by the Anti-Sea Erosion Project Management unit of the Irrigation department. Tetrapods are being set upon a 2.5-metre foundation of granite and at a height of 6.1-metre from sea level as per the norms set by the NCCR. A three-metre-wide walkway is being readied over the tetrapod seawall along a stretch of 6.6-km in the first phase.

How much has the project progressed?
Although the project was formally inaugurated by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in July, work had commenced a few months before that. On an average, the ULCCS deploys about 350 tetrapods of different tonnage depending on the depth of the sea along the coast. But when the sea turns rough, the work slackens thanks to the difficulty in engaging divers to help position the tetrapods on the coastal bed.

The UILCCS has also set up casting yards at select locations along the shore to churn out tetrapods. Typically, up to 600 tetrapods can be produced in a day when work progresses without hiccups. The agency has been able to produce 20,235 tetrapods using 3.5 lakh metric tonne boulders so far.

What lies ahead?
Demand is already rife for the launch of the project's second phase to extend the seawall along the remaining 10-km stretch of the coastal part between Kannamali and Kaithaveli. It is understood that the estimate for the next phase is being drawn up right now. In addition, a detailed project report (DPR) for a ₹941-crore scheme to develop Chellanam into a model, eco-friendly fishing village has also been submitted to the State government by the Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) and Kerala State Coastal Area Development Corporation (KSCADC).

How has the project been perceived?
There are still voices of dissent. The Chellanam Janakeeya Vedi, which has been at the forefront of the protest demanding a permanent solution to sea erosion, dismisses the tetrapod-seawall as a temporary solution at best. The group is peeved about the 'publicity' garnered by the success of the project, which it sees as a "political ploy by the government to hide its failures". Beach nourishment reducing the depth of the sea along the shore alone offers a permanent solution, it contends. Meanwhile, environmentalists have warned that large scale extraction of stones to manufacture tetrapods could aggravate the natural disasters that the State has been witnessing lately.

THE GIST

- The conventional seawall of Chellanam failed to check sea ingress which resulted in massive ruin and destruction. Now, due to the tetrapod-based seawall, residents vouch that even those stretches that were most vulnerable to sea erosion have remained by and large safe.
- The construction of the tetrapod-based seawall forms the foundation of the ₹344 crore coastal conservation project being implemented by the State government in Chellanam.
- However, some are of the opinion that only beach nourishment (reducing the depth of the sea along the shore) offers a permanent solution.

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Preschools take precautions amidst rising cases of infections

Some have gone back to online classes, others are sending advisories to parents

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

With viral infections, chickenpox, Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD), and other such conditions on the rise amongst children, preschools and nursery schools in the city are taking various precautionary measures.

While a few schools have gone back to online classes to prevent infections, others are sending advisories to parents not to send children to schools in case of any symptoms.

Some preschools are asking parents not to send children if they have any symptoms.

Brainy Stars, a Montessori school, has closed till August 21 in view of the spread of infections. However, the school will continue online classes.

"This decision was taken as we have small children at the school. They are not so conscious about being hygienic and infections were spreading a lot. There was not even almost 20% of attendance in the classes everyday," said Samiya Tabasum, vice-principal.

Some schools also said that they will take a decision about closure, depending on the extent of infections in the classes.

"So far, we have not had any outbreaks and we are working on a hybrid mode. But if we see more cases of infections, then we will switch to online classes. Especially in the case of HFMD, we would need two days to sanitise the school," said Shara Sawhney, Centre Director at Podar Jumbo Kids, Frazer Town.

With a fluctuation in weather conditions, infections amongst children have been observed at preschools since last month.

"My son's school sent out a message in the last week of July asking us to vaccinate our children against chickenpox and to monitor them for symptoms such as fever, runny nose, blisters, and rashes. They also sent a mail asking us not to send them to school if such symptoms are observed. They said it is important to stay alert for these conditions until winter. Our pediatrician also confirmed that the infections have been on a rise," said Charitra R., mother of a preschooler.

The government has not issued any advisories or announced closures of schools in this regard until now.

Speaking to *The Hindu* about the closure of schools for this reason, Vishal R., Commissioner, Department of Public Instruction, said, "The schools also have no grounds to do something like this. But, Montessori schools usually do not come under out ambit. They only register under us. We will still look into the matter".

Preschools are also training their teachers to be on the lookout for symptoms.

"We have trained teachers and nurses. We will not be closing branches until there is official information from the government. We are sending children home if they are found with mild fever. We have advised parents to not send children in case of symptoms. Children can access the class notes on the online portal," said Manjula, Principal, Orchids The International School, BTM Layout.

'BDA to hand over layouts to BBMP soon'

Chairman S.R. Vishwanath and officials inspect plots

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) will hand over Banashankari 6th Stage, Anjanapura, and Vishweshwaraiah Layouts to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) once they are developed, BDA chairman S.R. Vishwanath announced on Monday.

A file photo of Banashankari 6th Stage..

After inspecting these areas along with BDA officials, Mr. Vishwanath said, "The BDA will hand over these areas to the BBMP after constructing all basic infrastructure. We will hand over Banashankari 6th Stage, J.P. Nagar 8 and 9th Stages, and Anjanapura. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has also directed us to do so. Owing to various reasons, the BDA was not able to complete the development work in these areas and this led to the delay in the handover".

The BDA had identified 9,000 sites belonging to it in the city and had auctioned all these plots, Mr. Vishwanath informed reporters, while adding that this auction had brought in an income of ₹3,000 crore.

Mr. Vishwanath also said that around ₹400 crore had been earmarked for the infrastructure of BDA layouts in Bengaluru South and Yeshwanthpur Assembly constituencies, and tenders had already been called for the work, worth ₹200 crore.

"Similarly, the BDA is taking up an infrastructure project worth ₹450 crore in Arkavathi Layout and is also spending ₹175 crore for the expansion of the Hebbal Flyover," he added.

Potholes to be fixed with cold mix asphalt

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Amidst the deteriorating condition of roads during the rains, the civic body has now decided to fix potholes with cold mix asphalt.

In a coordination meeting on Monday, Tushar Giri Nath, Chief Civic Commissioner, directed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Road Department to use this solution.

"Owing to the rains, preparing hot mix is not possible since it requires jelly and asphalt, which are mixed and heated to 150 degrees Celsius and maintained at 100 degrees Celsius. Cold mix asphalt is easy to prepare but it does not last long. However, it is widely used during the rainy season," a BBMP official said.

The BBMP Commissioner also directed Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) officials to fix manholes and slabs.

Rajneesh Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Administration Department, held the coordination meeting.

JEE-Main: City student gets perfect score

PRERANA KULKARNI
BENGALURU

Bengaluru-based Boya Haren Sathvik emerged as one of the toppers in the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE)-Main 2022 (Paper 01) in BE/BTech, the results of which were announced on Monday.

Boya Haren Sathvik

Mr. Sathvik, from Narayana Co-Sindhubhavan School, is one of the 24 students in the country with a score of 100%. He is also the only student from Karnataka to achieve a perfect score this year.

"This result has given me a lot of happiness and the much needed motivation for my JEE Advanced," Mr. Sathvik said.

He aims to pursue Computer Science Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay. "I want to pursue a profession in Computer Science Engineering, because ever since I was a child, computers and programming have captivated me," he said.

His other interests include music and cricket.

Mr. Sathvik is a native of Hindupur, Andhra Pradesh. His mother is a Biology assistant at a school in Hindupur, while his father teaches Physical Education.

Along with Mr. Sathvik, Mahesh Kumar V., from the same school, has secured the second position at the State-level.

With a score of 99.94%, Pavitra Gupta has emerged as the topper among girls in the State.

The JEE-Main was conducted in 13 languages across 622 centres in 440 cities (17 abroad). A total of 4,04,256 candidates appeared for both sessions of the exam in June/July. The National Testing Agency (NTA) will declare the results of Paper 2A (BArch) and Paper 2B (BPlanning) separately, a press release said.

Dentist, daughter found dead

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A 39-year-old dentist and her 10-year-old daughter were found dead at their house in Kaverinagar in Banashankari on Saturday.

The deceased have been identified as Shyma Narayana and her daughter Aaradhana, a Class IV student at a private school.

According to the police, Ms. Shyma, a native of Virajpet, Kodagu, married Narayanaswamy, also a dentist, 12 years ago. They ran a hospital in Hanumanthanagar.

The incident came to light when Mr. Narayanaswamy called Ms. Shyma from the hospital, but her phone was not reachable. He informed the security guard to check and also sent his staff to the house and they discovered the bodies.

(Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies can call Aarogya Sahayavani Ph: 104 for help)

Cab driver held for stealing SIM card of customer

Accused then used it to withdraw money

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Northeast Cyber Crime Police on Monday arrested a 31-year-old cab driver, who had allegedly stolen the SIM card of a 70-year-old woman on May 8.

The accused, identified as Prakash B.G., from Dudda, who worked for *DriveU* , a private driver service provider, was arrested after the police realised that the accused had replaced the SIM card to operate the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and other payment apps.

Investigation revealed that the accused was given the task to pick up the victim from her house and drop her at her relative's place.

On the way, the accused allegedly stopped the car for refreshments and diverted the attention of the victim to steal the SIM card.

Using the stolen SIM card, the accused allegedly operated the mobile payment app and transferred ₹3.5 lakh to his account and also purchased a mobile phone and a scooter using the money.

Meanwhile, a few days later, the victim realised that her SIM card was blocked and got an alternative SIM card to get the transaction messages.

Based on the complaint, Northeast Cyber Crime Inspector Santosh Ram analysed the sequence of events, before arresting Prakash.

The police have recovered several other duplicate SIM cards from the accused and are investigating to ascertain his criminal background.

The police have advised people not to lose their phone or in the case of theft, alert the bank, and the service provider to block the SIM card and the bank accounts as it can be accessed through the SIM card through UPI.

The UPI service providers should also make it mandatory for multiple authentication before initiating payment process, a police officer said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that Original Sale Deed 19.04.2001 registered as **document No.663/2001-02 of Book-I, CD.No.59** in the office of the Sub-Registrar Kengeri, Bangalore in respect of Eastern Portion of Site No.8, measuring 600 sqft., Situated at **Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore** has been lost. All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said Sale Deed. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within **12 days** from this present.

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-560078.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the Notice of the General Public are hereby informed that, our client intends to Joint Development Agreement and General Power of Attorney to the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder from its present owner. Any persons, financial institutions, etc., having any sort of claim / rights / interest / charge on the below said property or any objections for the said sale of the property may file their objections in writing along with supporting documents, addressed to the undersigned within **07 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be construed that, there are no claims of any sort over the below said property and our client shall be advised to proceed with the proposed transaction. Any claims thereafter shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential converted land in **Survey No.63/3,** measuring 16 guntas, out of 26 guntas Situated at, **Summanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.** and bounded on the:

East by: Road, West by : Land in Survey No. 63/2 and 63/1, North by : Remaining portion of the land in Survey No. 63/3, South by : Land in Survey No. 63/4 & 63/5

M/s. Jury Legal Solutions,
Advocates,
No. 8, 14th Cross, 14th Main, 4th Sector, HSR Layut, Bangalore-560102.
Mobile: 9844897355 / 9902195500
Bangalore Date : 08-08-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, our client has negotiated and agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner. All persons having any claims against the Schedule Property or any part thereof are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office within **07 days** from the date of publication hereof, failing which our clients shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All the piece and parcel of the Land bearing Survey Number 350/4 (Old Survey Number 350), measuring 31 Guntas, situated at **Marasuru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District** and bounded on:

East by : Survey Number 347, **West by :** Survey Number 350/2, 5 & 6, **North by :** Survey Number 350/3, **South by :** Survey Number 350/7

Item No.2 : All the piece and parcel of the Land bearing Survey Number 350/7 (Old Survey Number 350), measuring 10 Guntas, situated at **Marasuru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District** and bounded on:

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M/s. Jury Legal Solutions,
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KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Raichur Thermal Power Station)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

E-Tender Notification

(Two Cover System - Only through e-procurement portal)
No. KPCL/2022-23/EL/Work_Indent 12578/Call 2 Date: 01-08-2022
Tenders are invited from reputed bidders through GOK e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the work of **" Servicing of 10 kL, 6 kL, 5 kL, 2.4 kL transformer oil filter machines including replacement of spares " EMD:** ₹ 28,185/-. **Last date for submission of bids (both cover 1 & 2) along with documents:** 16-08-2022, 17:00 hrs. Bid documents can be downloaded from the above GOK e-portal. Further details can be had from the office of: **The Superintending Engineer (EM)-2, RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur District.** Mobile: 9449596534/9449596491

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that We, M/s. DSR Infrastructure Pvt Ltd represented by its CEO/Authorised Signatory Sri.K.S. Satyanarayana Reddy, have lost the below mentioned Original Documents at the time of Relocating of our office premises;

Sl. NO.	Document Name	Reg. Date	Document Number	Registration Office
1	Sale Deed	08.11.2006	BAS-1-20697/2006-2007, Book I, stored in C.D.No. BASD285	the Central Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru
2	Sale Deed	25.06.1979	1193/1979-80, Book I, Volume 1395, at pages 119 to 1212	the sub-registrar, Bengaluru South Taluk
3	Gift Deed	26.10.2009	VRT-1-03118/2009-10, Book I, stored in C.D.No. VRTD54	the Senior Sub-Registrar, Varthur, Bengaluru Urban District

pertaining to Sy. No's.17, 18/1 of Chikkakanahalli @ Chikkanalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. If anybody has found the same, please contact/return it to the below mentioned address:

Sri.K.S. Satyanarayana Reddy (CEO/Authorised Signatory)
M/s. DSR Infrastructure Pvt Ltd,
BBMP Khatha No.639/6456/1, Survey No.68 (P),
4th Floor, Block C, DSR TECHNO CUBE,
Thubarahalli Village, Varthur Main Road,
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1) KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12559/CALL-2 Date: 06.08.2022 Supply, erection, installation, commissioning and testing of 2 Nos. of Oil Injected Screw Air compressors (Atlas copco/ Ingersoll Rand/ Quincy make) of 596cfm, Refrigerant Air dryer, line filters, oil filters, Air receiver tank etc. at Unit 1 & 2 (2X500MW) Ash handling Silo at BTPS. **Total amount put to tender: Rs. 72,12,810/- (inclusive of all taxes). EMD: Rs. 1,44,500/-.**

2) KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12737 Date: 06.08.2022 Supply, Fabrication & Erection of walkways/Approach platform for Bottom ash overflow tank, APH/DUCT hopper, ash water tank sump & wetting head of Unit 1 &2 AHP, BTPS. **Total amount put to tender: Rs. 27,85,480/- (inclusive of all taxes). EMD: Rs. 55,800/-.**

3) KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12574/CALL-2 Date: 06.08.2022 Servicing/ Repair of Air dryer of Unit 1 & 2 AHP (4 Nos.) including replacement of activated Alumina-BTPS (2X500MW). **Total amount put to tender: Rs. 5,75,604/- (inclusive of all taxes). EMD: Rs. 14,400/-.**

4) KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12575 Date: 06.08.2022 Servicing/ Repair of EOT cranes of Unit 1 & 2 AHP including replacement of necessary spares-BTPS (2X500MW). **Total amount put to tender: Rs. 4,97,488/- (inclusive of all taxes). EMD: Rs. 12,500/-.**

Pre-bid meeting: For Sl. No. 1 & 2: **20.08.2022 at 11.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 3 & 4: **13.08.2022 at 11 .00 Hrs.** Last date for submission of bids: For Sl. No. 1 & 2: **22.08.2022 at 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 3 & 4: **16.08.2022 at 16.00 Hrs.** Opening of Technical Bid: For Sl. No. 1 & 2: **23.08.2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 3 & 4: **17.08.2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** Opening of Financial Bid: For Sl. No. 1 & 2: **24.08.2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 3 & 4: **18.08.2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** Tender documents may be downloaded and submitted from GoK e-proc. website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (AHP)-1,** KPCL, BTPS, Kuditini - 583 152, Bellary Dist. Mobile: 94482 90768.

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(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL,Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division,,Shikaripura.
Short Term Tender Notification-14/22-23 Date:06.08.2022
(Two document System & E-Procurement System Only)

Short term percentage tender are invited as per K.T.P.P Act2000 on behalf of Managing Director KNNL Bangalore from eligible contractors such as KPWD Class- III & above The tenders are required to submit tenders only through E- procurement portal of Govt of Karnataka (http://www.eproc .karnataka.gov.in).

Improvements to Asphalt roads in Soraba Taluk of Shivamogga District under SCP & TSP of 02 Package Works for Amount put to tender Rs. 79.59 lakhs to Rs. 59.71 lakhs and EMD Rs. 0.80 lakhs to Rs.0.60 lakhs

1) Date of downloading &submission of tender (through e-procurement) will be on 08-08-2022 to 18-08-2022 up to 4.30 PM 2) Last date of tender querries: 17-08-2022 @ 5.00 PM 3) Opening of technical bid will be on 19-08-2022 @ 5.00 PM 4) Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid.

For more details visit website from date-08-08-2022 at (http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in).

Sd/- Executive Engineer. KNNL, DRP Division, shikaripura

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SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

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West by : Land belonging to Mr. Muniyamma
North by : Land belonging to Mr Chandranna
South by : Land belonging to Mr Puttanna

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All the piece and parcel of property owned by Smt. Sukanya bearing Survey No. 17/3, measuring12 Guntas, situated at Nosagere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District and bounded on:
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West by : Land belonging to Mr. Muniyamma
North by : Land belonging to Mr Chandranna
South by : Land belonging to Mr Puttanna

Item No. 4 :
All the piece and parcel ofproperty owned by Shri. Narayanswamy and Smt. Bhagyamma bearing Survey No. 18, measuring 01 Acre, situated at Nosagere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District and bounded on:
East by : Land belonging to Shri. Khaja Sab
West by : Land belonging to Smt. Manjamma
North by : Land belonging toShri. Narayanswamy
South by : Land belonging to Shri. Mangilal

Item No. 5 :
All the piece and parcel ofproperty owned by Shri. Narayanswamy and Smt. Bhagyamma bearing Survey No. 18, measuring 01 Acre 05 Guntas, situated at Nosagere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District and bounded on:
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West by : Land belonging to Smt. Manjamma
North by : Land belonging to Shri. Choodappa
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Item No. 6 :
All the piece and parcel of the property owned by Smt. L.Lalitha bearing Survey No.14-2, measuring 26 Guntas, situated at Nosagere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District and bounded on:
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Pouring rain: A view of a waterlogged road in Kuttanad. • SURESH ALLEPPEY

FROM THE ARCHIVES

A people's campaign to rebuild Kerala

A new approach is needed that enhances the sum total of man-made, natural, and social capital

MADHAV GADGIL

With high intensity rains pouring down central Kerala, the State once again stares at a flood-like situation. In this article dated August 30, 2018, Madhav Gadgil explains how the degradation of natural, human and social capital have played a significant role in exacerbating the flood problem.

The material loss due to the Kerala floods has been estimated at ₹26,000 crore, but beyond this there has been an immense loss of natural, human, and social capital for which no estimates are available. There is no doubt that the short-sighted attempts in building man-made capital (buildings in hilly forests, encroachments on wetlands and rivers, and stone quarries) while ignoring the attendant degradation of natural, human and social capital have played a significant role in exacerbating the problem. The immediate task in the State is relief and rehabilitation, but it is crucial to simultaneously identify the root causes of the havoc.

The root causes

These root causes prevail throughout the Western Ghats and, indeed, the rest of the country. The first is the flouting of laws that have been established to safeguard natural capital. The Shah Commission inquiring into illegal mining in Goa observes that mining beyond permissible limits has caused serious damage to water resources, agriculture and biodiversity. Second, we have been ignoring serious degradation of human capital in terms of health and employment. In the case of the Plachimada panchayat in Palakkad district, overuse and pollution of water resources by the Coca Cola factory has resulted in losses to the tune of ₹160 crore. Third, scientific knowledge and advice has been continually disregarded. In the case of the proposed Athirappilly hydroelectric project, an analysis by the River Research Centre showed that the project document had seriously overestimated the availability of water. The data examined showed that the likely power production in no way justified the costs of construction and running of the project. And fourth, there has been serious erosion of social capital.

For instance, Anoop Vellolippil, a staunch anti-quarry activist engaging in a peaceful demonstration, was killed when he was pelted with stones by those allegedly employed by quarry owners at Kaiveli in Vadakara Taluk of Kozhikkode district on December 16, 2014.

The right of local communities

Therefore, it is imperative that we abandon business as usual. We cannot just focus on man-made capital; we must enhance the sum total of man-made, natural, human and social capital. The new regime that we must usher in while keeping this in mind must acknowledge that it is local communities that have a genuine stake in the health of their ecosystems and an understanding of the working of the same. The current system of protecting natural resources through negative incentives in the hands of a coercive and corrupt bureaucracy must give way to positive incentives that can be monitored in a transparent fashion by all concerned citizens. Our Western Ghats panel proposes several such incentives – for example, payment of conservation service charges for protecting important elements of biodiversity such as sacred groves (called Sarpa Kavus in Kerala), and payment towards soil carbon enrichment by switching to organic farming.

Turning over a new leaf then, the Kerala government must reassure its people that it will no longer continue the policies of development and conservation by exclusion, and that it will respect the right of local communities to decide what kind of development they want and what kind of conservation measures they would like to see put in place.

To accomplish this, the government must implement the 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments in letter and spirit. It must empower local bodies at the ward, gram panchayat, and town and city levels to prepare reports on the status of the environment and to decide on how a substantial portion of the budget should be spent on the basis of these reports. It must set up Biodiversity Management Committees of citizens and empower them to document the status of the local ecosystems and biodiversity resources, and regulate their use. They must be given powers to levy collection charges for access to biodiversity as well as to intellectual property relating to community knowledge. In particular, it must accord the Biodiversity Management Committees a central place in the preparation of environmental impact assessments and ensure that these assessments begin to reflect the true state of affairs instead of being the uniformly fraudulent documents that are being submitted today. It must fully implement the Forest Rights Act and empower not only tribals, but all traditional forest dwellers to control, manage and market non-timber forest produce. It must stop distortion and suppression of all environment and development-related information and begin uploading information suo moto on websites, as the Right to Information Act demands. It must initiate building a public and transparent database on environmental parameters drawing on the environment status reports, People's Biodiversity Registers, community forest management working schemes, and environmental education projects undertaken by students.

Equipped with this information and all pertinent documents such as from the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel, the Kasturirangan Committee, and the Oommen V. Oommen Committee, the State government should ask local bodies about the levels of ecological sensitivity in different parts of the landscape on the basis of topography, hydrology, land use and vegetation, regardless of ownership of the land. The local bodies should provide suggestions on appropriate management regimes for regions of different levels of sensitivity. The government should begin to proactively use modern technologies, including smartphones, in a user-friendly manner so that all the inputs from the various local bodies are transparently available to all citizens. Citizens can then assist in the task of integrating all this information and come up with appropriate conservation and development plans that are properly fine-tuned to locality- and time-specific ecological and social conditions.

A sustainable and safe future

This will be a broad-based inclusive approach to conservation and development, and will be in the spirit of the People's Plan Campaign of the 1990s in Kerala, which was spearheaded by the State Finance Minister, Thomas Isaac. I urge Mr. Isaac to renew the spirit of the People's Plan Campaign rather than seek to bury it. Only then can the people of Kerala rebuild nature and society and assure for themselves a sustainable and safe future. I fervently hope that the Kerala government embraces such a progressive approach, so that we will be much better equipped in the years to come to moderate, if not fully prevent, the kind of havoc that visited Kerala recently.

Madhav Gadgil is Chairman of the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel

THE GIST

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KEYWORD

Cantillon effect

How expansion of money in an economy does not happen uniformly

PRASHANTH PERUMAL

The Cantillon effect refers to the idea that changes in the money supply in an economy causes redistribution of purchasing power among people, disturbs the relative prices of goods and services, and leads to the misallocation of scarce resources. The Cantillon effect is named after the 18th century French economist Richard Cantillon who published his ideas in the 1755 book *Essay on the Nature of Trade in General*.

Uneven distribution

It is generally accepted by economists today that an increase in the overall money supply in an economy causes a proportionate rise in the prices of goods and services over the long-run. This is in line with the quantity theory of money, according to which the total amount of money in an economy plays a crucial role in determining the general price level. So, if the money supply in an economy doubles this should lead to a rough doubling of prices across the economy. In other words, money has largely been considered to be "neutral," in the sense that changes in its supply have no real effect on the economy.

Cantillon, however, noted that when money supply is expanded, the fresh money does not get evenly distributed across the economy all at once as assumed by most economists. The fresh money is rather injected into particular sections of the economy first and thus people in these sections of the economy are enriched when compared to people in the rest of the economy. In other words, when the money supply is expanded, the purchasing power of people who first receive the freshly-created money is enhanced at the cost of the rest of society. When the first recipients of freshly-created money spend their money on certain goods and services, the prices of these goods and services begin to rise before the prices of other goods and services. This is because the freshly-created money takes time to percolate through the wider economy and cause the prices of all goods and services to rise proportionately. Thus, there is a disturbance in relative prices of goods as fresh money is injected into the economy and, contrary to what economists have traditionally assumed, this can lead to real effects on the economy.

The impact of relative prices

It should be noted that relative prices play a crucial role in the allocation of scarce resources in an economy. Prices act as important signals to entrepreneurs in the allocation of scarce resources towards various ends of society and changes in relative prices can thus affect how scarce resources are allocated. Changes in money supply can also lead to the misallocation of savings in the credit market as investors may allocate savings based on the signals sent by relative prices that are outdated and false in nature.

The Cantillon effect has been widely cited by economists who are critical of expansionary central bank policy to tackle economic downturns. Mainstream economists believe that recessions are the result of a drop in aggregate spending, which can be sorted out by expansionary monetary policy that compensates for the drop in aggregate demand. Critics, however, argue that when a central bank increases the money supply, it can have real effects on the economy. Meanwhile, some scholars note that Cantillon did not refer purely to money supply expansion by central banks when he wrote about the real effects of changes in money supply. They point out that changes in money supply even under the gold standard, during a gold rush for instance when the supply of money in the form of gold rises, can have real effects on the economy. Nevertheless, Cantillon's contributions to monetary theory encouraged economists to see that changes in money supply even by central banks can have real effects on the economy.

THE DAILY QUIZ

A quiz on the occasion of the National Day of Singapore celebrated every year on August 9

1 Simple one to start with. In which year and from which Asian nation (by expulsion) did Singapore get independence?

2 Singapore has four official languages. If three are English, Malay, and Mandarin, what is the fourth?

3 The Singapore international airport is reckoned to be one of the best in the world. What is it called?

4 What is the lasting contribution of Alec Fraser-Brunner, former curator of the Van Kleef Aquarium in Singapore, to the country's identity?

5 Name the politician who served as the first Prime Minister of Singapore between 1959 and 1990 and made it the world-famous city-state that it is today.

6 Name the 2.5 km road in the central area of Singapore that is a world-famous tourist attraction for being an upscale shopping area with numerous renowned department stores and restaurants.

7 Designed by Pierre Balmain and made of traditionally Asian batik, what has become synonymous with the 'Singapore Girl'?

8 Name the swimmer who sensationally upset Michael Phelps in the 100m butterfly at Rio to become the nation's first-ever Olympics gold medallist.

◄ Name this statesman, founder of the first British colony in Singapore in 1819, whose name can be seen all around the city. • NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY LONDON

Compiled by: V.V. Ramanan

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This popular Black singer won 14 Grammy awards. In 1955, Marilyn Monroe booked a restaurant club just to hear this singer. **Ans: Ella Fitzgerald**

2. In the 20th century, these two authors dominated the world's imagination with their fantasy works. They both shared a love for northern myth and language. **Ans: J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis**

3. This man, played by Jeremy Irons in a 2015 film, is known for formulating a famous principle of population genetics. **Ans: G.H. Hardy**

4. This young man arrived as a gift from India. He quickly became the queen's most trusted confidante and is referred to as Munshi. **Ans: Abdul Karim (who was friends with Queen Victoria)**

5. Speaking of Mark Twain, this woman, who lost her sight and hearing, said he treated her "not as a freak, but as a handicapped woman seeking a way to circumvent extraordinary difficulties". **Ans: Hellen Keller**

6. Speaking of this man, George Harrison said he did not make any attempt to impress Harrison but that Harrison was impressed by him. **Ans: Pandit Ravi Shankar**

Visual: The name of the dog whose statue can be found in Shibuya, Japan. **Ans: Hachiko**

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Timings
BENGALURU

TUESDAY, AUG. 09
RISE 06:07 SET 18:44
RISE 16:20 SET 02:50

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10
RISE 06:07 SET 18:43
RISE 17:25 SET 03:57

THURSDAY, AUG. 11
RISE 06:07 SET 18:43
RISE 18:23 SET 05:04

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	23
Mysuru	27	21
Bengaluru	25	20

Bengaluru Today
26°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower will occur at some places..

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C The weather will be mostly dry. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant. Thunderstorm is likely.

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August set to be month of travel, rain or shine

Tour conductors are observing an increase in bookings

JAHNAVI T.R.
BENGALURU

The long weekend between August 11 and August 15 will see people of Bengaluru heading out in hordes, with both government and private travel organisers reporting a big jump in bookings. Pouring rains have hardly proved a dampener to those bitten by the travel bug.

Most of the properties belonging to Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) and Jungle Lodge Resorts (JLR) have been overbooked for the first two weeks of the month. All the package tours to Tirupati, offered by the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC), have been booked 100% over the long weekend.

With Raksha Bandhan on August 11 and Independence Day after that, the travellers are making full use of the long weekend. The Madurai-Rameswaram-Kanyakumari tour and the Mysuru-Ooty-Kodaikanal, Sigandur and Jog Falls tours by KSTDC have a high number of bookings during the weekend.

"Throughout the State, in most tourist spots, we are not able to find even one empty room. There is a huge boom this month when compared to the last month. Mysuru and Madikeri are in great demand followed by coastal regions and North Karnataka spots. International tourists have also increased," said T. Venkatesh, Director, Department of Tourism. "We have been receiving enquiries from West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, and other States. For the first two weeks of August, all our properties have been fully booked. The second two weeks, as of now, there have been 85% bookings," said Manojkumar, Managing Director, JLR. He said that Kabini, Bandipur, Bheemeshwari nature camp, and Kali tiger reserve are some of the destinations in high demand.

In all its splendour: Tourists visiting Gaganachukki waterfalls near Malavalli. • FILE PHOTO

Along with families, the working millennial crowd is also eager to travel this month. Mini vacations and staycations are in high demand, private tour conductors have reported.

A survey conducted by Thomas Cook (India), showed that 69% of their respondents were keen on traveling during the second weekend of the month. Around 66% of them wanted to travel to domestic destinations while 34% of them preferred short, international trips. The company has also seen a two-fold increase from last month in the number of bookings for the long weekend. "On the domestic front, demand is at an all-time high for locations like Kashmir, Leh Ladakh, Kerala, Goa, and Andaman and Nicobar. Closer home and easy visa destinations like Dubai, Abu Dhabi; island destinations like Maldives and Mauritius, and South East Asian destinations like Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia are top preference for our Bengaluru customers for the upcoming long weekend," said Santhosh Kanna, Vice President, Leisure Travel -Thomas Cook (India) Limited.

Experts say that going by the current trends, good days are ahead for the tourism industry for at least the next two months (until Dasara vacation).

"Until now, we have close to 6,000 flight bookings from Bengaluru for the August 11 to 15 long weekend and are expecting it to increase by 30-40% in the coming days," said Rikant Pitti, co-founder, EaseMyTrip.

He added that monsoon has further fuelled the interest as it has increased the scenic beauty of places.

Bomb threat delays flight at KIA

The bomb threat turned out to be a hoax.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A bomb threat, which turned out to be a hoax, delayed an IndiGo flight at Kempegowda International Airport on Sunday night.

A statement from IndiGo said, "Due to a hoax bomb threat on board, the disembarkation process of IndiGo flight 6E 556 from Jaipur to Bengaluru was delayed. Keeping passengers' safety in mind, the IndiGo security team immediately alerted the BTAC (Bomb threat assessment committee) and informed BCAS and CISF as per standard operating procedures. "

"As a precautionary measure, the aircraft was taken to a remote bay and the bomb threat process was initiated. A standby aircraft was arranged for the passengers to avoid further delay and inconvenience," the statement added.

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Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) which includes explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (August 9, Tuesday), the following explainers are available:

- **Explained |** Why has the Manipur Assembly resolved to implement the NRC? bit.ly/nrcspcmani
- **Keyword** The Cantillon effect bit.ly/cantillonec
- **Explained** Chellanam's new tetrapod-based seawall bit.ly/tetrasea

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Reverence to Babaiah here breaks barriers of faith

In Vajarahalli, Hindus have observed Muharram for ages

SHARATH S. SRIVATSA
BENGALURU

From Saturday night till early Tuesday morning, a large fire pit (konda) was at the centre of activities at Vajarahalli, a South Bengaluru village with a population of about 2,000 people, now consumed by the modernity of Greater Bengaluru.

Braving rains, hundreds of residents, most of them Hindus, observed Muharram, a tradition that dates back several generations.

As Chand Pir (the 'muzawar' from nearby Gottigere) led the rituals, villagers gathered around the 'konda' to witness the 'panja' or the 'hastha' carried by the Hindus, who dance to percussion instruments that reverberate in the narrow bylanes of the village, where traditional mud structures have given way to modern concrete homes.

Babaiah, the revered deity here, has been invoked every year during Muharram, observed to mourn the death of Hussain, the grandson of Prophet Mohammed, in the battle of Karbala.

After visiting the local Maramma temple, the 'panjas' are carried around the village by men who, the locals believe, are "possessed". The entourage visits every home, receiving flowers, puffed rice, sugar, and roasted gram as offerings.

Women bring 'panaka' (juice) in decorated kalashas as an offering that is distributed later. "There are no elaborate offerings. If their vows are fulfilled, devotees can offer whatever they can. Some vow to offer silver," says octogenarian S. Krishnappa.

Past midnight, the crowds swell, as devotees of Babaiah flock to Vajarahalli (on Kanakapura Road) to seek his blessings and watch the locals cross the fire pit amid the thunderous beats of drums.

Interestingly, after a similar ritual in neighbouring Doddakallsandra, about a kilometre away, the deities from there arrive at Vajarahalli on the second morning. This is reciprocated by the deities of Vajarahalli on the third morning.

"This marks the reciprocal relationship between the two villages that were once separated only by lush green fields," says 97-year old Malle Bhyrappa, a resident of Doddakallsandra. He has been carrying the 'panja' for 80 years now and carried it on Sunday night too.

Those carrying it must have a strict discipline, and stay away from all indulgences in the preceding week, he says.

With the village traditions being consumed by modernity, Muharram observation of this kind is also challenged. In some places, it is not observed any more.

"Youngsters take a keen interest. Even if they fail to turn up at the village deity's festival, they will not miss Muharram as Babaiah remains our beloved and revered deity," Suresh Babu, another resident of Vajarahalli, said.

Villagers in Vajarahalli, who claim the Babaiah tradition during Muharram to be more than 300 years old, say there is no written record, and the tradition has passed on orally.

In South Bengaluru, similar traditions are seen in Kaggalipura and Anjanapura too. While reverence for Babaiah spreads across Bengaluru, Kolar, Tumakuru, and Ananthpur, it is more widespread in North Karnataka. The deity there is referred to as "Peerala Devaru".

Muharram being observed at Vajarahalli in Bengaluru. • SHARATH S. SRIVATSA

Many local flavours of a tradition

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Scholar Rahmath Tarikere, who has researched and authored a book on Muharram observances, said that the tradition came to this region during the reign of the Bahmani rulers and received royal patronage.

"After royalty, the tradition then seeped down to the community and people, irrespective of their sect, observed it. The tradition further morphed into a local tradition with regional uniqueness," he said.

He said Muharram has localised flavour to a tradition. "There are bilingual songs in Kannada and Telugu and trilingual songs in Kannada, Telugu, and Urdu. Of about 2,000 Muharram singers in Karnataka now, about 50% of them are Hindus," he said.

Banker loses money after phone gets stolen

Accused withdrew money from victim's account using Unified Payment Interface

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Amruthahalli police are on the lookout for a person, who pretended to be interested in sharing an apartment with a bank employee, stole his phone, and withdrew ₹50,000 through the Unified Payment Interface (UPI).

The victim, Ashutosh Mishra, an employee with a private bank, was staying in a rented apartment in Byatarayanapura.

According to the police, he had placed an ad on his social media account offering to share the apartment to save on rent.

On Saturday, the accused, identified as Anvesh, claiming to be a techie, approached him, and visited the apartment.

After staying for a few minutes, he agreed to check in, and went out to get his luggage.

After Anvesh left, Mr. Ashutosh realised that his mobile phone was missing and tried to call it, but it was switched off .

He immediately checked his bank account which was linked to the mobile phone and found ₹50,000 was debited. The police are now trying to track down Anvesh through the social media account and the transaction he made.

The police have advised people to be very careful with their mobile phones and report any theft immediately and get their bank account blocked in case of loss or theft of their mobile phones.

Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT (REVENUE DEPARTMENT)
M.S. Building, Bengaluru.

NO: RD 12 GRC 2020 **Dated: 07-01-2022**

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, upon considering the report of Director General and Inspector General of Police, Bengaluru District, and after due investigation of the complaint of depositors, it has come to notice of the Government that Green Ply Trading Company, Kalaghatagi Taluk, Dharwad District is involved in fraudulent transactions by clandestinely and illegally collecting deposits or money from the general public and thereafter have failed to return the same either after maturity or on demand made by the depositors or complainants with promised interest and other assured benefits and thereby have failed to render the services promised to them.

And whereas, it has further come to the notice of the Government that Green Ply Trading Company, Kalaghatagi Taluk, Dharwad District and people associating with them have been acquiring lands, movable and immovable properties, cash and others from and out of the deposits or money so collected, from the depositors or complainants and thereby deviating from the intended purposes of accepting the deposits or money.

And whereas, the Government has reason to believe that the actions of Green Ply Trading Company, Kalaghatagi Taluk, Dharwad District and people associating with them are acting in and detrimental to the interest of the depositors or complainants whose intention was to defraud the innocent depositors, and it has become necessary to protect the interest of the depositors of the Green Ply Trading Company, Kalaghatagi Taluk, Dharwad District.

And whereas, now the Government after considering the report of the Director General and Inspector General of Police, Bengaluru District, and satisfying itself about the urgent need to protect the interest of the depositors and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005) hereby makes the following order, namely:

"ORDER"

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (2) of Section 3 of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005), the Government under the circumstances stated above having satisfied that in order to protect the interest of depositors it is necessary to attach the movable and immovable properties believed to belong to Green Ply Trading Company, Kalaghatagi Taluk, Dharwad District. Therefore, the Government hereby attaches all movable properties as specified in the Annexure-1, 2 and 3 to this order believed to have been acquired by the Green Ply Trading Company, Kalaghatagi Taluk, Dharwad District either in its own name or in the name of any other person from and out of the deposits collected by the Green Ply Trading Company, Kalaghatagi Taluk, Dharwad District and where as it transpires that such money or such other properties of the said financial establishment, or the personal assets of the promoters, partners, directors, managers or members or any other person of the said financial establishment is not sufficientfor the repayment of the deposits or interest or such other assured benefits to the depositors.

Note: All the aforesaid movable and immovable properties, from the date of publication of this order in the Official Gazette, shall forthwith vest with the Competent Authority, who has been appointed by the Government, pending further orders from the Special Court.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka
Sd/-
(Mallikarjuna Ramachandrappa)
Under Secretary to Government
Revenue Department (Special Cell)

ANNEXURE-1

ಅ. ಸಂ.	ಸ್ಥಿರಾಸ್ತಿಯ ವಿವರ (ಚಕ್ಕು ಬಂದಿ ಒಳಗೊಂಡಂತೆ)	ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ವರದಿ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಮಾಲೀಕರು	ಚಕ್ಕು ಬಂದಿ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಮಾಲೀಕ	ದಾಖಲಾತಿ ವಿವರ	ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ದರ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಖರೀದಿ ದರ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಷರಾ
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1	ಕಲಘಟಗಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಉಗ್ಗಿನಕೇರಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ ರಿ.ಸ.ನಂ.80/2 ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ: 16ಗು ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ ವಿವರ: ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: ಸ.ನ.82 ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ರಿ.ಸ.ನಂ.78,79 ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ರಿ.ಸ.ನಂ.81/ಆ	ಶ್ರೀ ಶಂಕ್ರಯ್ಯ ತಂದೆ ಚಂದ್ರಯ್ಯ ಹೇಗೂರಮಠ ಸಾ: ಬೆಂಡಿಗೇರಿ ತಾ: ಕಲಘಟಗಿ	ಶ್ರೀ ಈರಯ್ಯ ಮುಂಜಯ್ಯ ಹೇಗೂರಮಠ ಸಾ: ಬೆಂಡಿಗೇರಿ	ಖರೀದಿ ಪತ್ರ ಎಮ್ ಆರ್, ಪಹಣಿ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ, ಋಣಭಾರ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ	2,50,000/-	2,50,000/-	-

ANNEXURE-2

ಅ.ಸಂ.	ವಾಹನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ವಾಹನ ಮಾದರಿ	ವಾಹನದ ಮೌಲ್ಯ
1	KA-25 EV-2035	ಟಿ.ವಿ.ಎಸ್ ಅಪ್ಪಾಚೆ (ಆರ್.ಆರ್.ಟಿ-160) ಮೋಟರ ಸೈಕಲ್	ರೂ. 33,261/-
2	ಸಂಬರ ಸೋಂದನೆಯಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ	ಹೊಂಡಾ ಕಂಪನಿಯ ಡಿಯೋ ಮೋಟರ್ ಸೈಕಲ್ (ಬೂದು ಬಣ್ಣ)	ರೂ. 30,000/-
3	KA-25 P-3597	ಮಾರುತಿ ಕಂಪನಿ ಸ್ವಿಫ್ಟ (ವಿ.ಡಿ.ಆಯ್) ಕಾರ್	ರೂ. 1,20,000/-
4	KA-26-M-5022	ಮಹಿಂದ್ರಾ ಎಕ್ಸ್.ಯು.ವಿ-500	ರೂ. 4,48,000/-
5	KA-25-MB-6179	ಮಹಿಂದ್ರಾ ಎಕ್ಸ್.ಯು.ವಿ-500	ರೂ. 8,48,670/-

ANNEXURE-3

ಅ ಸಂ.	ಆರೋಪಿತರ ಹೆಸರು	ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿನ ಹೆಸರು	ಖಾತೆಯ ವಿವರ	ಖಾತೆ ನಂ.	ಕೊನೆಯ ಹುಲ್ಲ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಷರಾ
1	ಮಂಜುನಾಥ ಫಕ್ಕೀರಪ್ಪ ಭೋವಿ	ಕಾರ್ಪೋರೇಶನ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್, ಅಂಚಟಗೇರಿ ಶಾಖೆ	ಎಸ್.ಬಿ. ಖಾತೆ	01/003846	163.69	-
2	ಮಂಜುನಾಥ ಫಕ್ಕೀರಪ್ಪ ಭೋವಿ	ಕಾರ್ಪೋರೇಶನ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್, ಅಂಚಟಗೇರಿ ಶಾಖೆ	ಕರೆಂಟ್ ಅಕೌಂಟ್	520101050753718	109.85	-
3	ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ ರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ ಗೋಡಿಮನಿ	ಶ್ರೀ ಬೀರೇಶ್ವರ ಕೋ-ಆಫ್ ಕ್ರೆಡಿಟ್ ಸೊಸೈಟಿ ಲಿ., ಯಕ್ಷಂಬಾ (ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಟೇಜ್) ಶಾಖೆ, ಕಲಘಟಗಿ	ಎಸ್.ಬಿ. ಖಾತೆ	00151010002999	344	-
4	ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ ರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ ಗೋಡಿಮನಿ	ಕಾರ್ಪೋರೇಶನ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್, ಅಂಚಟಗೇರಿ ಶಾಖೆ	ಎಸ್.ಬಿ. ಖಾತೆ	01/005323	151	-
5	ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ ರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ ಗೋಡಿಮನಿ	ಕಾರ್ಪೋರೇಶನ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್, ಅಂಚಟಗೇರಿ ಶಾಖೆ	ಕರೆಂಟ್ ಅಕೌಂಟ್	520101050762725	159.50	-
6	ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ ರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ ಗೋಡಿಮನಿ	ಕಾರ್ಪೋರೇಶನ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್, ಹಳಿಯಾಳ ಬ್ರಾಂಚ್	ಎಸ್.ಬಿ. ಖಾತೆ	0063001028571	9838	-
7	ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ ರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ ಗೋಡಿಮನಿ	ಕಾರ್ಪೋರೇಶನ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್, ಹಳಿಯಾಳ ಬ್ರಾಂಚ್	ಎಸ್.ಬಿ. ಖಾತೆ	520101227406377	9270	-
8	ರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ ಶಿವಬಸಯ್ಯ ಗೋಡಿಮನಿ	ಸ್ಟೇಟ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಆಫ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ, ಕಲಘಟಗಿ ಶಾಖೆ ಕಲಘಟಗಿ	ಎಸ್.ಬಿ. ಖಾತೆ	00000035191829891	1177.82	-
9	ರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ ಶಿವಬಸಯ್ಯ ಗೋಡಿಮನಿ	ವಿ. ಕಲಘಟಗಿ ಅರ್ಬನ್ ಕೋ-ಆಪರೇಟಿವ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್, ಕಲಘಟಗಿ	ಕ್ಲೈಂಟ್ ಕೋಡ್	553	2080	ಶೇರ್ಸ್‌ನ್ಸ್ ಮೊತ್ತ
10	ರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ ಶಿವಬಸಯ್ಯ ಗೋಡಿಮನಿ	ವಿ. ಕಲಘಟಗಿ ಅರ್ಬನ್ ಕೋ-ಆಪರೇಟಿವ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್, ಕಲಘಟಗಿ	ಚಾಲ್ತಿ ಠೇವು ಖಾತೆ	3489	2080	-
11	ರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ ಶಿವಬಸಯ್ಯ ಗೋಡಿಮನಿ	ವಿಜಯಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಕಲಘಟಗಿ	ಎಸ್.ಬಿ. ಖಾತೆ	129801011000965	24161.31	-
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Rain fury: Death toll climbs to 73, over 21,000 hit

Flood-affected families to get relief kits comprising ration to help recover; compensation towards crop loss to be increased

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The State government has decided to provide a relief kit of rations to those affected by floods to ensure that their food requirement is taken care of at least for about 10 days, even as the death toll due to floods since June this year touched 73 in Karnataka.

Announcing this at a press conference in Bengaluru on Monday, Revenue Minister R. Ashok said the kit would be provided immediately to those staying at the houses of their relatives and friends. Those accommodated in relief centres would get them when they return to their homes. He said 21 districts of the State had reported floods, covering 161 villages. In all, 73 people died due to floods since June, while 21,727 have been affected and 8,197 people had been rehabilitated. Of them, 7,387 people had been accommodated in relief centres.

The relief kits would comprise rice, toor dal, cooking oil, sambar powder, salt, sugar and tea powder, which are worth around ₹1,000, he said. This would help ensure that the affected families staying at the houses of relatives and friends do not become burdens to their hosts. On the other hand, it would help those returning home from relief camps to recoup.

A total of 21 districts in the State have reported floods, covering 161 villages. • FILE PHOTO

The government was also considering a proposal to provide umbrellas and torches to the flood-hit families, he said. The Minister said the government had now changed rules to ensure those in relief camps get nutritious food. Detailed instructions had been issued on their menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner, he said.

Referring to the relief measures, the Minister said it had been decided to hike the compensation towards crop loss for this year. A proposal seeking assistance would be submitted to the Centre.

He said the Centre had released an additional aid of ₹1,000 crore last year above that allowed by the guidelines. A total of ₹2,445 crore had been released by the Centre last year while the State too had released funds which were the highest when compared to other States, he claimed. Mr. Ashok said ₹857 crore was still pending with all the Deputy Commissioners for relief works.

Hampi situation

Meanwhile, most dams in Karnataka continued to witness heavy discharge of water. Owing to the continued rainfall in the Tungabhadra catchment area, especially in Western Ghats, the inflow into Tungabhadra reservoir near Hosapete in Vijayanagara district further rose threatening areas downstream, especially the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hampi. The inflow into the reservoir was 1,25,263 cusecs at 7 p.m. and the dam authorities maintained the discharge of 1,13,631 cusecs of water from the reservoir.

Many monuments in Hampi remained flooded. Purandara Mantapa, the holy bathing spot Chakrateertha, and the canal of Vijayanagara Empire went completely under water. On Sunday, a huge tree near Saalu Mantapa was uprooted by the strong wind and heavy rains. However, no monument was damaged.

For those who built KRS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The government had decided to provide possession certificates to over 700 families who came from other States to build KRS dam in Mandya district about 60 years ago, Revenue Minister R. Ashok said. These families had settled down in Srirangapatna since then.

Residents wade through water with man's body

They had a tough time conducting the funeral too

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN

Following torrential rains, over the past few days, river Malathi has swollen flooding vast tracts of agricultural land in Tirthahalli taluk.

As a result, residents of Kodlu village in Hosahalli Gram panchayat of the taluk had a tough time in conducting a funeral on Saturday.

The relatives of Thamme Gowda, 92, carried his body wading through chest-deep water, amidst heavy rains.

Thamme Gowda died of age-related causes on Saturday morning. His family members and relatives waited till the evening hoping that the rains would recede. As there was no sign of a clear sky, they took the body wading through water for about 500 mtrs.

Video goes viral

A video clip showing the family members taking the body amidst water has gone viral. Even after reaching the cremation ground, they put up a shed so that the body could be consigned to flames.

Poornima, a resident of Kodlu village, told *The Hindu* that for the last three days rain has not stopped. The villagers have not been able to visit their fields.

Residents of Kodlu village taking the body for final rites in Tirthahalli taluk on Saturday.

"Every year, during the rainy season, the road to the cremation ground remains flooded," she said.

About 50 acres of paddy lands remain inundated in Malathi river water during the rains.

Road construction

M.T. Jayanthi, Panchayat Development Officer of Hosahalli, told *The Hindu* that the backwater of Malathi river caused the flooding in the area.

"We are aware of the problem. Araga Jnanendra, Home Minister, who represents the constituency, had also recommended road construction earlier. However, it could not be taken up due to opposition by local people. Now, the panchayat has earmarked ₹ 5 lakh to take up the work to avoid flooding in the region. The work will commence later this year," she said.

KCET-2022: 'Document verification process subject to court's order'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday said that the process of document verification of the candidates seeking admission to professional courses based on their Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET)-2022 ranks would be subject to orders of the court.

The court also said that document verification process would be without prejudice to the rights and contentions of the students, who have knocked on the doors of the court on the issue of ranking. Justice S.R. Krishna Kumar passed the order after the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) and the State government told the court that counselling for seats has not yet commenced as only the document verification is being done at present.

The petitions were filed by a group of students questioning challenging non-consideration of their marks obtained in the II PU course in 2021 while allotting ranks to them in the KCET-2022.

The petitioners have said that they had completed II PU in 2021 and appeared for KCET-2021 but did not pursue admission to professional courses last year.

Though the petitioners appeared for KCET-2022 held this year, the KEA allotted them ranks based on the marks secured by them only in the KCET-2022 papers without considering their II PU marks.

Two methods

The petitioners have contended that the KEA has allotted ranks to the students who appeared for the II PU exams in 2022 by considering the marks of II PU and KCET-2022 in 50:50 ratio as per the law while applying a different standard for them. Two methods adopted to allot ranks amounts to discrimination, the petitioners have said. The KEA last year allotted ranks only based on the marks of KCET-2021 as no exams were held for II PU in 2021 due to COVID-19 and the students were awarded marks on a specially created formula based on the marks obtained by the students in their Class X and I PU.

During the hearing, the judge orally told the Additional Advocate General that the authorities will have to do brainstorming to overcome the peculiar situation. The judge pointed out that the students, who completed II PU last year, are allowed to pursue pure science courses based on II PU marks and the same marks are not considered for the admission to professional courses. Further hearing is adjourned till August 18.

'Har Ghar Tiranga': CM directs officials to aim at hoisting flag on one crore houses

Raise flags on August 13 itself atop houses to create a festive mood, he says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai directed officials to make the 'Har Ghar Thiranga' campaign organised to mark the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav a success by aiming at hoisting the national flag on more than one crore homes in the State.

Addressing a video conference of Deputy Commissioners and ZP CEOs on Monday to review the arrangements made for the campaign, the Chief Minister said the distribution of flags was already underway.

He instructed officials to hoist the flags on August 13 itself atop houses to create a festive mood to commemorate the platinum jubilee of Independence. As per the guidelines of the Union government, flags should be hoisted on government offices on three days from August 13 to 15, every morning and must be lowered in the evenings. At homes, flags could be hoisted on August 13 and can be kept till August 15. The Chief Minister directed the Chief Secretary to conduct another round of meeting with Deputy Commissioners of districts.

Employees of the Postal Department waving the Indian flag during Tiranga Yatra in Bengaluru on Monday. • K. MURALI KUMAR

He also said that to commemorate Quit India Movement, freedom fighters must be felicitated at their homes from August 9 to 14. District-in-charge Ministers should also be a part of the felicitation, he said.

India Post's campaign

Meanwhile, the Karnataka Postal Circle (KPC) has sold over 2.5 lakh flags through 9,500 post offices in Karnataka Postal Circle so far.

According to a release from India Post, as a part of Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, Karnataka Postal Circle has planned to sell 7.5 lakhs national flags through post offices by August 15. People who need national flag can visit nearest post office, the release said.

Further the release said that KPC has set up selfie points in 97 post offices across the State. Customers can click selfies and share it on social media by taking India Post and Amrit Mahotsav handles with the #IndiaPost4Tiranga and #HarGharTiranga hashtags. Prabhat pheri were organised at 19 locations by postal divisions across the State in which 50 to 75 participants, comprising postal staff and local citizens, have taken part.

HC notice on plea seeking appointment of Upalokayukta

One of the two posts is vacant

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday ordered issue of notice to the State government on a PIL petition seeking direction to fill up the vacant post of Upalokayukta at the earliest.

A Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty passed the order on the petition filed by Umapathi S., a city-based advocate. Pointing out that one of the two posts of Upalokayukta became vacant on June 14, the petitioner contended that keeping such statutory post vacant would impact the rights of citizens under provisions of Upalokayukta.

Referring to earlier instances of delay in making appointment to the posts of Lokayukta and Upalokayukta, the petitioner said that post keeping posts of Upalokayukta vacant for a long time is against public interest and the process of appointment should have commenced soon after the post became vacant. One of the two posts of Upalokayukta became vacant as B.S. Patil, who was serving as a Upalokayukta, was appointed as the Lokayukta.

Books invited for award

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy has invited books for its book award for 2022-23.

Books on various art forms such as Carnatic music, Hindustani music, Sugama Sangeetha, Nrithya, Kathakritana, Gamaka printed in Kannada from January to December 2021 (first print) are eligible for entry.

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ:- 1) ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000ರನ್ವಯ. 2) ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ರಾಯಚೂರುರವರ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂ:ಜಿಪರಾ/ಮೂರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ/ಸ್ಟುಂದಿ/2022/-23/1219 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06-07-2022. ರಾಯಚೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ಹಾಗೂ 08 ತಿರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಛೇರಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ಬಾಹ್ಯಮೂಲ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಸ್ಟುಂದಿಗಳನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಸೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಸಂಘ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ಒದಗಿಸಲು ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. Tender Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 1. ಇ-ಪೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಆರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05-08-2022 ರಿಂದ 19-08-2022 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5-00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in Online ಮೂಲಕ. 2. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.110.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಒಂದು ಕೋಟಿ ಹತ್ತು ಲಕ್ಷ ಮಾತ್ರಗಳು) 3. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.2.20 ಲಕ್ಷ (ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಎರಡು ಲಕ್ಷ ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತು ಸಾವಿರ ಮಾತ್ರಗಳು) 4. ಇ-ಪೊರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳ/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21-08-2022 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. 5. ಇ-ಪೊರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24-08-2022 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. 6. ಈ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಕಚೇರಿ ವಿಳಾದ ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಐ.ಬಿ.ರಸ್ತೆ, ಸ್ಟೇಷನ್ ಏರಿಯಾ,ರಾಯಚೂರು ಫೋನ್ : 08532-295646 Email_ID : ddwcdrcr@gmail.com

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Will Siddaramaiah return to Varuna constituency in next Assembly polls?

Crowd at Congress padayatra roots for the former Chief Minister's return

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

Will former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah seek re-election from Varuna Assembly constituency in Mysuru district in the upcoming elections to the Legislative Assembly scheduled to be held in 2023?

Even as speculation is rife over his possible return to Varuna, a constituency presently represented by his son Yathindra Siddaramaiah, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) working president R. Dhruvanarayan also made an appeal in this regard after a section of the crowd gathered for a public function at Tagadur in the constituency on Monday rooted for the former CM's return.

Siddaramaiah

Addressing the gathering ahead of the launch of a padayatra celebrating 75 years of Indian independence, Mr. Dhruvanarayan recalled that Mr. Siddaramaiah went onto become the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly after his successful election in 2009 from Varuna, which was a newly carved out constituency after the delimitation exercise in 2008. He then went on to occupy the post of Chief Minister after his second consecutive win from the constituency in 2013.

Towards the end of the speech, Mr. Dhruvanarayan said he hoped that the people of the constituency, who had elected Mr. Yathindra with a handsome margin of 59,000 votes, will re-elect him. But his speech was interrupted with shouts from the gathering for Mr. Siddaramaiah's return. Acknowledging the same, Mr. Dhruvanarayan said he too would appeal to Mr. Siddaramaiah to contest from Varuna, which he described as a "sacred constituency", instead of considering other constituencies in the State.

Mr Siddaramaiah, who has already made it clear that he will not contest from Chamundeshwari again, was on Monday confronted with questions from the media whether his participation in the padayatra programme at Tagadur in Varuna was an indication of his possible return to his former constituency.

Without addressing the question directly, the former Chief Minister said he had participated in similar padayatra programmes organised by the Congress party in connection with 75 years of independence at Yelwal in Chamundeshwari constituency on Saturday and earlier at Chintamani and Malur, too. "Does it mean I will be contesting from there?" he countered.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

10th ANNIVERSARY

VUMMIDI KANNAN
23.11.1930 - 09.08.2012
There'll never be another like him
Mr. Vummidi Mukundha (Son)
Mrs.Vummidi Manjula (Daughter in law)
Mr. Vummidi Rahul Krishna (Grand Son)
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VBKS
Vummidi Bangaru Kannan and Son
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tenders under two cover system are invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Class-III & above (Civil) Contractors registered in KPWD who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following works as per the schedule given below:

1) No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-16/8216/2022-23 Date:08.08.2022
Name of work: Construction of Stone Revetment for the existing nala on the Northwest of M/s.CDC at Hi-Tech, Defence & Aerospace Park Industrial Area, Bengaluru North Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.
Last date for submission of bids is: **24.08.2022 upto 04:00 pm**

2) No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-17/8217/2022-23 Date:08.08.2022
Name of work: Construction of Over Head Tanks, 0.30MLD Capacity & 0.50 MLD Capacity (15m Staging) at Hi-Tech, Defence & Aerospace Park Near KIAL, Bengaluru Urban District.
Last date for submission of bids is: **07.09.2022 upto 04:00 pm**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1728/Zenkan/2022-23

IN BRIEF

Speaker accepts MLA's resignation in Telangana

HYDERABAD

Congress MLA of Munugode constituency in Telangana Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy submitted his resignation to Legislative Assembly Speaker Pocharam Srinivas Reddy on Monday. The Speaker accepted the resignation immediately.

Kerala court transfers Agnipath case to Delhi HC

KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Monday ordered that the petitions challenging the Centre's Agnipath Scheme be transferred to the Delhi HC. The order was issued in view of the SC directive to transfer such cases pending before various HCs to the Delhi HC. The petition was filed by the candidates challenging the cancellation of the finalization proceedings of Soldier cadre recruitment. The Armed Forces Tribunal had earlier dismissed their petition.

Kerala Governor objects to re-promulgation of ordinances

'SC had deemed it a subversion of legislative process'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Arif Mohammed Khan

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan took exception to the State government's move to re-issue ordinances instead of getting the executive orders ratified by the Assembly.

The government had sent Mr. Khan 11 ordinances for re-promulgation. They included the controversial Kerala Lok Ayukta, 1999, amendment ordinance, and the Kerala Cooperative Societies Act, 2022, amendment ordinance.

The Opposition had petitioned Mr. Khan not to sign the ordinances. It portrayed the Lok Ayukta amendment a "Machiavellian" bid by the government to "defang" the Ombudsman to forestall anti-corruption inquiries against Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Consequently, Mr. Khan purportedly dragged his feet on approving the ordinance until he got a clarification from the government.

Later, the Opposition asked Mr. Khan to refrain from enacting the cooperative societies ordinance. It saw the executive order as a Left Democratic Front ploy to undermine the democratic functioning of cooperative societies with an eye on controlling Milma (Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation).

On Monday, Mr. Khan told reporters in New Delhi that the government should elaborate on the rationale for re-promulgating the ordinances repeatedly. The government had sent him a set of executive decrees to re-promulgate on the eve of his visit to New Delhi.

He said he would not rubber stamp the government's demand blindly. "I have to apply my mind," he said.

Mr. Khan also made the case that the Constituent Assembly had envisaged the option of issuing an ordinance instead of passing a law as an emergency provision. The government could issue executive orders only when the Assembly was not in session. Hence, executive orders had an expiry date.

"The Supreme Court had ruled (in January 2017) that re-promulgation of ordinances tantamount to subversion of the democratic legislative process," he said.

He said the administration was constitutionally bound to uphold the law-making function of the Legislature. "As Governor, I am oath-bound to ensure that the business of State is carried in accordance with the Constitution and law. I have to follow the principle in letter and spirit to insist others do the same," he said.

Assam worker injured in A.P. fire accident

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
ANAKAPALLI

One worker was injured after fire broke out in an industry in Parawada mandal of Anakapalli district in Andhra Pradesh, on Monday. The fire reportedly broke out in Pyrotech Industries, APIIC, located in E. Bonangi village around 5 a.m.

The injured worker has been identified as Noor Islam from Assam. He was shifted to King George Hospital for treatment.

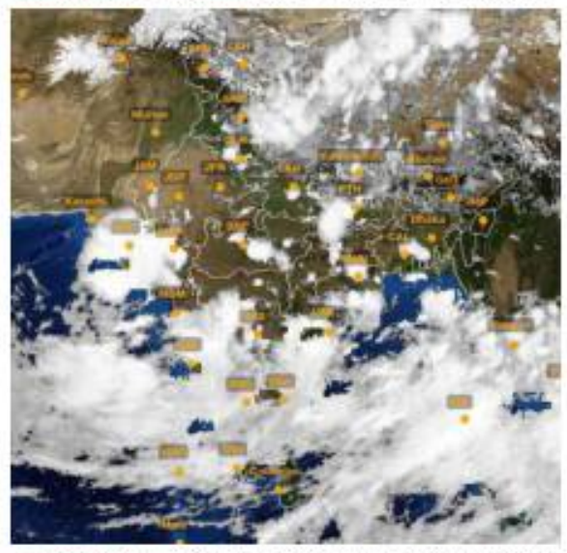
The police said the fire broke out in waste tank and four workers were in the vicinity and Islam sustained burn injuries.

Fire tenders were immediately rushed and the fire was doused within a short period.

The police are investigating the case.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Assam, Tripura, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Bihar, Jharkhand, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	10	34.0	26.4	Kozhikode	32	28.6	24.0
Ahmedabad	–	33.8	27.4	Kurnool	3	28.5	24.7
Aizawl	–	–	22.2	Lucknow	15	34.9	25.4
Allahabad	–	35.5	26.8	Madurai	–	33.9	25.0
Bengaluru	3.1	24.5	20.2	Mangaluru	35.8	26.8	23.1
Bhopal	–	30.3	24.5	Mumbai	34	28.1	24.2
Bhubaneswar	6.6	32.0	25.8	Mysuru	12	26.0	20.8
Chandigarh	–	37.3	28.2	New Delhi	2.7	35.2	25.1
Chennai	0.1	36.0	27.2	Patna	–	35.2	28.6
Coimbatore	1	30.5	23.2	Port Blair	23	29.3	24.6
Dehradun	0.4	36.2	24.5	Puducherry	–	35.5	25.2
Gangtok	0.4	23.6	18.6	Pune	36.8	26.6	21.0
Goa	10	28.0	24.4	Raipur	32.4	32.6	24.8
Guwahati	2	35.7	26.4	Ranchi	3	29.8	24.5
Hubballi	–	24.0	22.0	Shillong	1	26.1	19.0
Hyderabad	9	25.2	21.4	Shimla	25	28.0	20.3
Imphal	–	29.2	22.5	Srinagar	18	30.5	19.8
Jaipur	34	32.6	24.7	Thiruvananthapuram	0.2	30.0	24.8
Kochi	19	28.2	24.0	Tiruchi	–	35.6	26.0
Kohima	–	27.8	17.4	Vijayawada	28	31.4	24.5
Kolkata	4	31.7	27.0	Visakhapatnam	4	26.6	26.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	23	24	.42	71	110	
Bengaluru	7	10	.28	130	101	
Chennai	3	22	.82	24	68	
Delhi	13	18	.47	139	106	
Hyderabad	6	4	.30	48	44	
Kolkata	5	30	.9	21	23	
Lucknow	7	76	.29	19	32	
Mumbai	24	25	.53	22	34	
Pune	–	42	100	–	–	–
Visakhapatnam	14	40	.28	44	61	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Aurangabad, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 139 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Gangtok, Sikkim recorded a healthy AQI score of 13

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

IFFK from Dec. 9 to 16

STAFF REPORTER
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The 27th International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) will be held in Thiruvananthapuram from December 9 to 16, stated a press release from the Minister for Cultural Affairs V.N. Vasavan on Monday. The festival is being held in December, as per the international festival calendar, after a gap of two years. The previous two editions were delayed and were held in February and March due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Entries can be submitted from August 11 through the festival website iffk.in.

Last date for submissions is September 11.

Will hoist national flag at Idgah maidan: Zameer

Chamarajpet MLA says he will convene a meeting on the issue on Wednesday

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Idgah maidan at Chamarajpet in Bengaluru • FILE PHOTO

B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, Chamarajpet MLA, said the national flag will be hoisted on Republic Day, Independence Day, and on November 1 at the Idgah maidan. Mr. Khan said that he will convene a meeting on August 10 at his office, regarding the flag hoisting in the presence of local leaders.

Regarding the BBMP's bone of contention on the issue of ownership of the maidan, he said, "I am not going to go into that now. I want to clarify that for the first time we shall be hoisting the tricolor and nothing beyond."

Dept. will decide: Ashok

Close on the heels of various Hindutva groups declaring that they will celebrate Independence Day at the Idgah maidan in Chamarajpet, Revenue Minister R. Ashok on Monday said that the department will take an appropriate decision examining various aspects if any application seeking permission is filed.

The Minister told a press conference in Bengaluru that the Revenue Department was the owner of the land and it has to decide on allowing any kind of activities including cultural and religious ones to happen here.

"So far, we have not received any application seeking permission for hoisting national flag on this ground. In fact, generally there is no need to seek permission to hoist national flag during Independence Day. However, in cases where there is an issue related to law and order or where the flag is being hoisted on government land, there is need to take permission. The Revenue Department will consider all the aspects and take an appropriate decision if an application is made," he said.

Section-1 Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) TENDER NOTICE NO.:03/2022 Date: 08.08.2022 Uttar Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, Lucknow (UPPTCL), Office of the Superintending Engineer, Electricity 765/400kV Substation Design Circle, 1113, Shakti Bhawan Extension, 14, Ashok Marg, Lucknow invites bid (in e-tendering mode only) under single stage two-envelop system from reputed corporate entity incorporated under the Companies Act 1956/ Companies Act 2013 having domicile in India towards Operation and Maintenance activities of 400/220/132 KV/GIS Substation JEHTA, HARDOI ROAD, Lucknow, 400/220/132 KV GIS Sub-station Basti, Babhnan Road, Harraiya, 400/220/ KV GIS Substation Bansbihara, Sharnli and 400/220/132 KV/GIS Substation Rasra, BALLIA at an Estimated Cost of Rs. 8,79,93,000.00 (Rupees Eight Crore Seventy Nine Lacs Ninety Three Thousand Only). Complete set of bidding document is available on the official e-tender portal of UPPTCL "etender.up.nic.in" and website of UPPTCL "www.upptcl.org" from dt. 10.08.2022/ 17:00 Hrs up to dt. 12.09.2022 / 16:00 Hrs. Interested bidders may visit UPPTCL's official web site "www.upptcl.org" and official e-Tender Portal of UPPTCL "etender.up.nic.in" for amendment / errata / corrigendum (if any) and any other information regarding this tender. Note: Bidders are requested to regularly visit website and official e-Tender Portal of UPPTCL only for amendment / errata / corrigendum (if any) and any other information regarding this tender, as the same shall be published only on the website and official e-Tender Portal of UPPTCL. Superintending Engineer, Electricity 765/400kV Substation Design Circle, 1113, Shakti Bhawan Extension, 14, Ashok Marg, Lucknow-226001 Email id-se400e-dc@upptcl.org Contact No. - 0522-2218683

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No.: BMTC:CO:TR:COM:1764:2022-23 Date: 06.08.2022
TENDER/NEGOTIATION NOTIFICATION NO:10/2022-23 (e-Procurement Platform)
Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation invites offers/bids from the interested Persons on monthly license fee basis for running General stalls/ Commercial/Office spaces/Parking lot at various Bus Stations, Refreshment Room at Kempegowda Bus Station and invites offers/bids from interested Persons/Agency/Company for grant of contract to Cleaning & Maintenance of Pay and Use Toilet Complex at various bus stations through e-procurement platform. Last date & time for submission of bids is on **26.08.2022 up to 12:00 hrs.** Opening of Financial bids is on **29.08.2022 at 12:30 hrs.** Details for Rent, EMD & Area etc log on to: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** & Contact no: 080-23010900; 23010901; 22371090; 22340060; 22340948 or 7760991026 & 7760991222. E-mail: **ctmc@mybmtc.com.**
Sd/- Chief Traffic Manager (Com) (Tender inviting Authority)

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL
Ramanagara District, Ramanagara - 562 159.
Phone : 080 - 2727 4108. E-mail : dude_ramangara@yahoo.co.in
No. : DUCU/MUN(1)/Amrutha Nagarothana-4/Kakapura/ CR - 41/2022-23 Date : 05-08-2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION
The Executive Engineer, DUDC, Ramanagara District, Ramanagara invites tenders from Class-I Contractors for **Amrutha Nagarothana (Municipality) - 4 Project** works as detailed below.
1) Description of Work : Development of Roads and Drains Works in City Municipal Council (CMC), Kanakapura, Ramangara District, under Amrutha Nagarothana (Municipality) - 4 Scheme (Indent No. DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT_134886). Amount put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs) : 704.73. EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs) : 10.57. Period of Construction : 12 Months.
Interested Contractors shall register on the E-procurement platform to participate in this Tender. Contractors can Download the Tender Document from the E-procurement platform **www.eproc.karanakata.gov.in**. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.eproc.karanakata.gov.in** EMD and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically.
Calendar of Events and other information's are as follows.
1) Pre-Bid Meeting : 23-08-2022 at 11.00 - 12.00 noon. 2) Last Date for Uploading of completed Tender Documents : 05-09-2022 upto 17.00 hrs. 3) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) : 07-09-2022 after 11.30 a.m.
Tenders conditions and further information can be obtained from the said Office during working hours. If any changes in the calendar of events and the conditions will be notified on E-procurement Portal only. And News Paper Advertisement will not be published.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell Ramanagara District, Ramanagara.
DIPR/Ramanagar/184/Mandpal/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.: KPCL/2022-23/IPS/WORK_INDENT 12397/CALL-3 Date: 06.08.2022
SHORT TERM BID NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)
KPCL invites sealed bids through GoK e-Procurement platform **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the work of **"Implementation of Two Source DC System by replacement of 2 Nos. Advanced technology 250V Station Battery Charger each consist of 70A Float Charger & 100A Float cum Boost Charger along with Battery Monitoring System, 1 No. of 250V Main DCDB Panel & 16 Nos. of 250V Sub DCDBs along with complete Networking at Nagjhari Power House".** covering all associated works and components to suit the site conditions, from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works. Date of pre-bid meeting:**12.08.2022 at 10:00Hrs.** Last date for receipt of completed bids: **20.08.2022 up to 16:00Hrs.** with EMD of **Rs. 2,06,000/-.** Date of opening of Part-I (Technical Bid): **22.08.2022 at 09:00Hrs.** Date of opening of Part-II (Price Bid) of the successful qualified bidders will be intimated later. Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (Generator) Nagjhari, KPCL, Ambikanagar-581363, Haliyal Taluk, Uttara Kannada District, Karnataka.** Mobile No.: **94495 99106**, E-mail: **eegennph@gmail.com** & **eegenkalikpcl@karnataka.gov.in.**

(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri
No:EE/PWD/Dvn/AE-2/Tender/2022-23 Dated: 04.08.2022
Postponment For Tender
Tender ref no: 13/2022-23
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers, for the works in the above tender ref, The tendere for the work will be postponed dur to some technical reasons, Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz.http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.
Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on or before **20.08.2022** up to 4.00 pm. (Approx. amount for the work is Rs.100.00 Lakhs) The Technical bids will be opened on **22.08.2022** (after 4.15 PM,) and Financial bid will be opened on **25.08.2022**. Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri
DIPR/TUM/401/MCA/2022-23

DEPARTMENT OF STATE EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING
No. 4, 100 ft. Ring Road, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-85
Ph: No.: 080-26980100, Fax: 080-26422377
E-mail: dpi.dsert-ka@nic.in | Website: http://dsert.kar.nic.in
No.:DSERT/ADMIN/TNDR/1/2022-ADMN Date: 08.08.2022
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GoK e-Procurement Portal Only)
Director, Department of State Educational Research and Training, Bengaluru is inviting e-tender from eligible biddres for **E-BID NOTIFICATION** for **Supply of General Stationery and Cartidges to DSERT Office**. The Estimated Tender Amount: **Rs. 15,00,000/-** EMD Amount: **Rs. 40,000/-** **1)** Date and Time of Pre-Bid Meeting: **16.08.2022 at 11:30 a.m. 2)** Last Date and Time for submitting e-tender: **19.08.2022 at 5:00 pm**. For more details please log on to website: **https://eproc.karnataka. gov.in**
Sd/- Director
DIPR/CP/JA/1723/2022-23
STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19. NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask | Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE),
Sasthrabhavan, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram- 695004,
Phone: 0471-2548 316, website : www.kscste.kerala.gov.in
NOTIFICATION
The KSCSTE is seeking qualified candidates for the post of Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanical Garden and Research Institute (KSCSTE-JNTBGRI), Thiruvananthapuram and Malabar Botanical Garden and Institute for Plant Sciences (KSCSTE-MBGIPS), Kozhikode.
For details log on to www.kscste.kerala.gov.in.
Last date for the receipt of application is 15.09.2022.
Sd/-
MEMBER SECRETARY
RO/01991/D3/2022/I&PRD

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, IBC O&M Division-8, Zalaki- 586204. Tq:Indi, Dist:Vijayapur. Email:eezalaki1@gmail.com
No:KBJNL/IBCD-8/ZALAKI/DB/Tender/IBC Remodelling Survey/ 2022-23/1319 Dated: 02.08.2022
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION
INVITATION FOR PERCENTAGE TENDERS
On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL IBC O&M.Division No.8, Zalaki, Tq: Indi, invites Percentage tenders in Standard Tender Documents **K/C-4** as per KTPP Act-2000. The tenderers are required to submit their tenders in **Two cover sytem** i.e, - **QCBS,** pre qualification tender from registered Contractors of KBJNL/KNNL/KPWD/Firms under Companies Act, for the work of consultancy services for Survey and investigation, preparation of estimates and DTP for the works of Remodelling of Indi Branch Canal from Ch.64.00 to 172.00 Km, Distributaries, Laterals and sub-laterals including Structures there under [I.No.21567] Amounting to **Rs: 556.22 Lakhs .Containing details of EMD of Rs: 8.34 Lakhs** and the particulars under instructions to the tenderers vide clause 1.1 and financial details of tender as per clauses 1.20.
(The blank tenders can be obtained through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through electronic tender box).
• The Contractor can have access to e-tender documents from **26.08.2022 to 02.09.2022** up to 4.30 PM
• Submission of completed e-tender document will be upto **02.09.2022** upto 4.30 PM
• The Prospective Bidders should attend the Pre-Bid Meeting @ Executive Engineer's office Zalaki on **29.08.2022** @ 11.00 AM
• Opening of e-tender bids i.e, **Cover –I (Technical bid)** will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, IBC, O&M.Divn.No.8 Zalaki on **05.09.2022 at 11.00** AM. In respect of bidders whose e-EMD has been confirmed on the e-tendering platform.
• **Cover–II (Financial bid)** of qualified bidder will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, IBC, O&M.Divn.No.8 Zalaki on **07.09.2022** at 11.00 AM.
• Further any information can be had from the undersigned during office hours Ph.08422-282227.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, IBC O&M Division-8, Zalaki.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the General Public that We, **M/s. DSR Infra Projects** represented by its Partner/Authorised Signatory **Sri.K.S. Satyanarayana Reddy,** have lost the below mentioned Original Documents at the time of Relocating of our office premises;

Sl. NO.	Document Name	Reg. Date	Document Number	Registration Office
1	General Power of Attorney	22.10.2007	VRT-4-00213/ 2007-08, Book 4, stored in C.D.No. VRTD14	the Senior Sub-Registrar, Varthur, Bengaluru Urban District

pertaining to Sy. No. 14/4 (14/2) of Chikkanayakanahalli, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. If anybody has found the same, please contact/return it to the below mentioned address:
Sri.K.S. Satyanarayana Reddy (Partner/Authorised Signatory)
M/s. DSR Infra Projects,
BBMP Khatha No.639\6456/1, Survey No.68 (P),
4th Floor, Block C, DSR TECHNO CUBE,
Thubarahalli Village, Varthur Main Road,
Bengaluru - 560 066.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to notify the general public that our client intends to purchase the immovable property bearing Site No. 733, presently comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 184, now bearing BBMP Khatha No. 738/380/733, situated at Uttarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Layout formed by The Bharath Housing Co-operative Society Limited, in Survey Nos. 77 (P), 78 (P), 79, 80 (P), 87 (P), 88/1 (P) of Uttarahalli Village and Survey Nos. 9/1 and 9/2 of Turahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring 1200 Square Feet , consisting of stilt, ground plus two upper floors and having approximate of 3500 square feet of super built up area, which is more fully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the "**Schedule Property**", from its owners **Mr. J. Murali Naidu** son of late J.Chinaswamy Naidu and **Mr. K. Srinivas Naidu** son of late K.Gopal Naidu.
Any person having any claim in respect of the Schedule Property or having any objection to the sale must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof **within 15 days** from the date of this publication, failing which it shall be deemed that no person has any objection to our client purchasing the Schedule Property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No. 733, presently comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 184, now bearing BBMP Khatha No. 738/380/733, situated at Uttarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Layout formed by The Bharath Housing Co-operative Society Limited, in Survey Nos. 77 (P), 78 (P), 79, 80 (P), 87 (P), 88/1 (P) of Uttarahalli Village and Survey Nos. 9/1 and 9/2 of Turahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring 1200 Square Feet , consisting of stilt, ground plus two upper floors and having approximate of 3500 square feet of super built up area, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on: **East by :** Site No. 732, **West by :** Site No. 734, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Site No. 708.
MR. ABHIJIT ATUR, Advocate
M/s Agraa Legal,
Advocates and Consultants
Address: 2nd Floor, Shivashankar Plaza, 19, Lal Bagh Road, Richmond Circle, Bangalore – 560027; Ph: 080-41680004 E-mail ID: admin@agraalegal.com
Date: 09-08-2022. Place : Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the General Public that **Sri. S C KUMAR** S/o Sri. S K Chikkanna, #19, 6th B Cross, Balaji Nagar, Channa manakere Achukattu, B'lore-560085 has lost/misplaced the below referred Original documents pertaining to Property bearing Site Nos. 25 & 36 in Survey No.39 & 40 B.B.M.P. PID No. 44/107/132/39/40/25,26,36 Ward No. 184 Situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore & a police complaint is filed before Tilak Nagar Police Station to that effect. Public is hereby informed that my clients intend to enter into **SALE AGREEMENT** with **Sri. S.C. Kumar** S/o Sri. S.K. Chikkanna. Regarding Site No. 25, 26 and 36, in Survey No. 39 & 40 B.B.M.P. PID No. 44/107/132/39/40/25,26,36 Ward No. 184 Situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, B'lore South Taluk, B'lore.
If any person/institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and Documents, the said claims along-with supporting documents shall be filed with undersigned within **15 days** from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.
Finder may return the below referred Original Documents to the undersigned.
I) Site No.25 & Sale Deed dtd: 23.03.1981, [Document No.13984/1980-81 of Book-2, Volume No.1649, pages from 97 to 100 in the Office of The Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.
II) Site No.36 & Sale Deed dtd: 23.03.1981, [Document No.14045/1980-81 of Book-2 Volume No. 1649, pages from 141-144 in the Office of The Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
(25,26 and 36 Amalgamated Property)
All that piece & parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Site No. 25, 26 & 36 in Survey No. 39 & 40, BBMP PID No.44/107/132/39/40/25,26,36, Ward No.184, Situated at AREHALLI VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore measuring and bounded On
East by: Property No.27 & 34 belonging to C. Renuka Chelava Raju, Measuring on Eastern Side 58 ft &10 inches=596 10 inches
West by: 4th Cross Road and measuring on that Side 89 feet 4 Inches + 14 feet 2 inches,
North by: 4th Cross Rd & measuring on that Side 51 feet &2 inches + 56 feet & 2 inches
South by: 1st B Cross Rd 88 feet & 7 inches
The above Partnership is registered with Limited Liability (LLP) Advocates,
SHIVAPRASAD PROPERTY LAW SERVICES LLP,
(LLP No.AAL - 9694)
Office at No.41/11, 2nd Main, Sriparam, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020.
Ph: 23561811, (M) 98440-34104

New hopes

The Vice-President should forge better ties between the Opposition and the executive

Jagdeep Dhankhar will take oath as the 14th Vice-President of the country on Thursday, a day after the term of the incumbent Vice-President, M. Venkaiah Naidu, ends. As the candidate of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), he secured 528 votes of the 710 valid votes in the election held on Saturday. The Opposition candidate and Congress leader, Margaret Alva, got 182 votes, with the Trinamool Congress abstaining. Mr. Dhankhar's election was a foregone conclusion, as the NDA had a clear majority in the electoral college, which was further reinforced by the support of the Biju Janata Dal and the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP). Mr. Dhankhar, a Jat leader from Rajasthan, has had stints in Delhi and the State, in the Janata Dal and the Congress, before he shifted to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in 2003. His appointment as the Governor of West Bengal catapulted him into the national limelight even as the BJP fought a pitched battle against the Trinamool Congress (TMC) to take over the reins of the State. A lawyer by training, he never pulled his punches, and combined political rhetoric and legal reasoning in frequent run-ins with the West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC. He faced charges of partisanship, but it all ended with the TMC mending fences with him ahead of his election as Vice-President; it obliquely supported him by abstaining from the polls. The TMC accused the Congress of not consulting it on Ms. Alva's nomination but that claim is unconvincing, and the entire episode has exposed the chinks in the Opposition armour. The help that he got from the TMC added a slice of intrigue to what was otherwise a predictable victory.

The Vice-President is also the chairman of the Rajya Sabha, a critical role anytime, and more so in the present situation of extreme hostility between the Government and the Opposition. Parliamentary proceedings have been continuously stalled, Members of Parliament have been suspended and there has been a complete breakdown of communication between the ruling BJP and the Opposition parties. The Government has repeatedly bypassed the Rajya Sabha in the making of critical laws by arbitrarily classifying pieces of legislation as money Bills. The question is now before the Supreme Court. As Vice-President, Mr. Dhankhar will be expected to facilitate better relations between the ruling party and the Opposition parties and uphold the majesty and the constitutional role of the House. It is not an easy task in the current scenario, but his initial moves will be eagerly awaited by everyone invested in parliamentary democracy. Mr. Dhankhar's elevation as Vice-President will certainly help the BJP politically. His role as Chairman should be more to protect the Opposition's space, debates and ensure accountability of the executive. The inauguration of the new Vice-President should renew hopes for parliamentary democracy.

A law, without a flaw

The SC has put unmarried women on an equal footing in availing abortion services

The most celebrated kind of court judgments are those that eliminate inherent bias vested in a law or rules framed by the government. The Supreme Court's move last week to set right a rule that was 'manifestly arbitrary and violative of women's right to bodily dignity' fits right into the concept of justice that is free, and without prejudice or favour to any person or group of people. Earlier, the apex court in its wisdom, facilitated the abortion (beyond 20 weeks) of a young unmarried woman whose partner parted ways after realising she was pregnant. Had the Court rested then, it might have meant relief for one woman who had to go all the way to the top court of the land in order to access what seven other categories of women would have been able to do without legal hassles. While the judgment could have been cited in support of other women in a similar situation, the law retained its flaw, and others would still have had to take the long legal route, and wait upon the discretion of individual judges. Utilising the full, expansive reach of its powers, the Supreme Court has decided to correct the anomaly. A Bench comprising Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and J.B. Pardiwala are considering pronouncing a judgment which would make access to medical abortion a level-playing field. The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 and its Rules, 2003, prohibit unmarried women who are between 20 weeks and 24 weeks pregnant to terminate the pregnancy. The Court's argument pierced at the heart of the iniquity in the law: if a married woman had access to abortion facilities during the same period, then why should an unmarried woman be prevented from using these services? Exhorting the Government to have a 'forward-looking interpretation of the law', the Bench pointed out that the rules mentioned 'partner' and not husband.

If the Supreme Court was feted for taking a liberal view of the law, its act of pushing the envelope further to set right existing anomalies in law is to be celebrated in full measure. At a time when the United States' Supreme Court's recent ruling overturning *Roe vs Wade* has drawn that nation back several decades on the abortion question, India's apex court's move stands out in sharp contrast. It is the surest example of the Court's willingness to be modern and progressive, in order to remove antediluvian inconsistencies in existing laws. It is also in the full spirit of Article 14 of the Constitution that guarantees to all persons equality before the law and equal protection of laws. The law cannot cherry-pick beneficiaries, and if there is to be any justice at all, the antiquated principles on which old Acts were built, cannot continue to frustrate young women who claim autonomy of their own body.

Macrovariable projections in uncertain times

International factors and faulty data will impact India's projections of GDP, inflation and balance of payments

ARUN KUMAR

The Fed has raised its benchmark interest rate again by a whopping 0.75%. The Reserve Bank of India has also been forced to raise interest rates further but also take other steps. These decisions in the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting are based on what the members of the MPC see as the likely course of the economy in the months ahead. But, the trajectory of the world economy, and its likely impact on the Indian economy, is imponderable. So, Indian policymakers would face two crucial problems.

First, the main uncertainty is due to Russia's war on Ukraine and the resultant economic sanctions on Russia, as well as the zero-COVID-19 policy in China that repeatedly implements lockdowns leading to global supply bottlenecks. Second, policy has to base itself on data. If it is deficient, it introduces additional uncertainty, making projections for the future difficult and causing policies to fail. This will compound the problem that results from the global uncertainty.

Stagflation and disease

Since early 2020, the SARS-COV-2 virus has caused global uncertainty. Waves of COVID-19 have curtailed human activity with a consequent loss of production. Different countries have implemented lockdowns of varying severity leading to supply bottlenecks. In a globalised interdependent world, production was hit resulting in price rise (inflation) and loss of real incomes. This has resulted in decline in demand and, in a vicious cycle, a further slowing down of the economy. Predicting these declines has been difficult because forecasting when another wave would strike and how much disruption would occur has been difficult. As prices have risen globally and economies slowed down, many countries have faced stagflation.

The uncertainty due to the novel coronavirus has declined in spite of waves of attack persisting because the impact of new virus mutants of the virus is milder and there is also immunity due to vaccination. Countries are not implementing lockdowns so vigorously now, in turn reducing adverse economic impact.

However, China is an exception with its zero-COVID policy. It has been implementing strict lockdowns in the last six months, even when only a few cases of the disease have been detected. Since China is now the manufacturing hub of the world, any disruption impacts supplies globally and causes bottlenecks to persist.

There is another issue now. Monkeypox virus has suddenly emerged and spread rapidly in the last few months to more than 80 countries where it is not endemic. The World Health Organization seems to be confident that this threat can be dealt with more easily than COVID-19. Yet, there is heightened concern and uncertainty.

The Ukraine conflict

The war in Ukraine and western sanctions on Russia have caused huge uncertainty since February 2022 (when Russia invaded Ukraine) and displaced the disease-related uncertainty, i.e., COVID-19. The reason is that the war is a proxy war between two powerful capitalist blocs. Both are militarily and economically strong. While Russia has attacked Ukraine, the western powers are supplying arms to prolong the war and weaken Russia. Also, sanctions against Russia are being used to weaken it economically.

Neither side can afford to be seen to be losing. Thus, the conventional war may change to a different and more intense one. Thus, unless a solution is found soon, uncertainty will remain huge and possibly increase. There is needless continuing suffering of the people of Ukraine, with a bombardment of cities, and this could escalate.

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The war and the sanctions have already affected the world economy and the Europeans in particular. The U.S. economy has entered technical recession with two quarters of GDP decline. Sri Lanka has been devastated and many other developing economies such as Pakistan and Nepal are in trouble. As supplies of critical items supplied by Russia and Ukraine have been hit, prices have soared. Europe, the United States and India have experienced or are experiencing high inflation.

The biggest disruption is in energy supplies from Russia, impacting production. The availability of food, fertilizers, metals, etc., have been hit as Ukraine and Russia are important sources. Thus, already prevalent high inflation due to the pandemic has been aggravated by the war and sanctions. Since the end of the war and sanctions are uncertain, these problems are likely to persist.

A new Cold war

Even if the war ends, a new Cold War between two big blocs has started, i.e., Russia and China on the one hand and the rich nations on the other. To weaken Russia, sanctions may be imposed on countries that carry out trade with it. Many Indian entities may face the heat since India has increased its imports from Russia, which undermines sanctions. China may also face sanctions since it has increased trade with Russia and is backing it. China has little option but to go with Russia since the western powers have been trying to isolate it, fearing its global rise.

In brief, the global economy would continue to be hit in the foreseeable future due to the war, sanctions and the new Cold war between two big economic blocs.

Data-related worries

As if the uncertainty from global factors was not bad enough, Indian policymakers also face data-related issues. It is not only available with a big lag on most macroeconomic variables but for many variables, data are either not available or has huge errors.

Policymakers rely on high frequency data to proxy for actual data. For example, very little data are available for quarterly GDP data which is used to calculate the growth rate of the economy. First, except for agriculture, unorganised sector data is not available. Second, for the organised sector, very limited data are available. Third, projections from the previous year or proxies are used – both these introduce errors when there are repeated shocks to the economy, such as the pandemic and now the war.

Price data too are problematic. The services sector is under-represented. Prices of many services have risen and expenditures on them have increased dramatically, thus changing their weight in the consumption basket. For instance, health and education expenditures went up during the pandemic. Also, the impact of the black economy has not been factored in.

Further, the consumer price index is common for the upper classes and the poor. The former consume a small proportion of their income, so they hardly feel the pinch of inflation. The poor consume almost their entire income and have no cushion to increase expenditures commensurate with price rise. Thus, they have to reduce their consumption. Earlier, there was a different index for various categories of people, which reflected the differential impact of inflation on people. This gave a truer picture of the economy and peoples' distress.

The unorganised sector, which employs 94% of the workforce, has been hit hard by a decline in incomes and a rise in prices in the last few years. It does not have the bargaining power to get its wages increased as prices rise and, therefore, loses purchasing power. The data does not reflect this and the unorganised sector becomes 'invisibilised'.

Policymakers using such faulty data invisibilise them. If the economy is growing at 7.5% and inflation is under the Reserve Bank of India's tolerance level of 6%, then policymakers assume all is well. Nothing specific needs to be done for the unorganised sector. But projections go wrong (as has happened in recent times) when policymakers have predicted an economic turnaround and lower inflation. Even faulty official data does not bear this out.

Indian policymakers face the unenviable task of predicting the course of the economy for the next few months and even the year (or years) ahead because of the shocks and faulty and inadequate data. The problem is compounded by international factors. Will the war on Ukraine end soon? And if not, will it intensify? Will sanctions be withdrawn? How intense will the new Cold War be? All this makes projections of macrovariables – GDP, inflation, balance of payments, etc. – well nigh impossible and makes policymakers akin to a pilot navigating in dense fog with faulty equipment.

Arun Kumar was Professor of Economics at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

PMLA verdict — due process will be bulldozed

The problem of the process being the punishment, which is present in the criminal justice system, can be aggravated

SHADAN FARASAT

Outcomes in matters of constitutional law disputes depend on the values that the constitutional court choose to emphasise over those it chooses to discount. The recent decision of the Supreme Court of India in *Vijay Madanlal Choudhary vs Union Of India*, where it found all the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 as amended from time to time ("PMLA") as constitutional, is a case where the Supreme Court repeatedly relies on the legislative intent behind the PMLA to fight the menace of money laundering to trump all other considerations – in particular due process.

A necessary precondition

The PMLA is an Act that is meant to deal with prosecution and punishment for the offence of "money laundering", which an accused commits when he has relation with any process or activity with the "proceeds of crime" and has projected or claimed such proceeds as untainted property. Thus, for the PMLA to come into action, there must have been another crime – independent of the PMLA – from which monies were derived. This other crime, which is a necessary precondition for an offence under the PMLA is described as the predicate offence.

Affecting fair legal process

The substratum of the challenge before the Court was that when the predicate offences (these can be various offences under regular penal law such as the Indian Penal Code 1860, the Prevention of Corruption Act, etc.) are governed by the regular criminal process, the major deviations from this procedure in the PMLA, which is only a consequential act, are manifestly arbitrary and in any event violative of various fundamental rights, *inter alia* Articles 14, 20 and 21.

The major deviations in the PMLA scheme, all of which operate to the detriment of the accused that were challenged were: non-supply of the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) to the accused/arrested person; power to make any person (including existing or future accused) state the truth on oath even though it may amount to self-incrimination (Section 50); if the Public Prosecutor opposes bail, then the court can grant anticipatory/regular bail, only if the court has reason to believe that the accused is not guilty (Section 45); once a person is accused of committing the offence of money laundering, the burden of proving that proceeds of the crime are untainted property shall be on the accused (Section 24); blanket common and non-graded punishment for anyone associated with money laundering (Section 4).

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It is not too difficult to imagine that these deviations from regular criminal law are capable of great mischief, and strike at the very core of what the Constitution envisages: a fair legal process to determine the criminal culpability of a person. A person under arrest, without knowing what is the primary case against him, being made to give self-incriminating statements under oath and then required to prove his own innocence at trial is hardly a criminal procedure that appears either just or fair. All this, when the Act which brings taint to the money, i.e. the original crime, continues to be governed by regular criminal law, where none of these draconian provisions applies.

And yet, the Supreme Court in finding these provisions as constitutional has repeatedly relied upon the legislative intent of the PMLA, which it describes as "a special mechanism to deal with the scourge of money laundering recognised the world over and with the need to deal with it sternly." The Court even compared the intensity of money laundering with terrorism, while disagreeing with its earlier judgment, where the Court had made a distinction between the two.

The errors

This is a fundamental error for multiple reasons. One, legislative intent can be a beginning point of a constitutional analysis, i.e., whether the state has legitimate purpose in making a law. However, faced with a specific fundamental rights challenge to specific provisions of such a law, the use of legislative intent to sanctify the provisions as constitutional means that the Court has also treated legislative intent as the end point of its analysis.

Second, the overemphasis on the seriousness of money laundering is not borne out by the PMLA itself. The maximum punishment under the PMLA is 10 years imprisonment (Section 4). There are so many offences under regular penal law that are punishable with life imprisonment or even death, where none of these draconian provisions applies. Clearly, if in the eyes of the legislature, money laundering was as serious as these offences, the punishment prescribed would have been as severe. The incongruous situation is that a person who is accused of murdering for money, will have his murder trial (where he is punishable with death) with all the constitutional protections available, while in his trial for the money proceeds from the murder (where he can be imprisoned for maximum 10 years), he will be stripped of these constitutional protections.

Third, legislative intent is reflected by Parliament as part of its normal law-making power, whereas constitutional due process is incorporated in the Constitution itself and is meant to define the limits of parliamentary law, irrespective of its intent. The net effect of elevating legislative intent to such a high pedestal that it can bulldoze any constitutional argument/reasoning is that due process has been completely compromised in PMLA cases. The problem of the process being the punishment, which is anyway omnipresent in our criminal justice system, is likely to be aggravated in PMLA cases. The likelihood that many would face long incarceration as PMLA accused, even though eventually found innocent has just increased manifold. One can only hope that sometime in the not distant future the Court corrects the error.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The V-P election

While the National Democratic Alliance candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar's win without any worry is only because of the disarray within the Opposition ranks, what is shocking is that of the 725 votes cast, 15 votes were invalid.
This is a great disgrace and a blot on our parliamentary democracy. Casting one's ballot paper needs no great wisdom and technical knowledge. It is ironic that what is so well known to the common Indian is a hurdle for some MPs. If this is the case, how can our representatives understand the intricacies of inflation or other issues to debate upon and raise questions about in Parliament? It is no wonder then that 1.29 crore irate voters have pressed the NOTA button on the EVM in the past five years.

RAJAMANI CHELLADURAI,
Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu

■ One hopes that Mr. Dhankhar follows the norms as Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. His past as a man who shuttled between parties in his political career quite frequently and where, as Governor of West Bengal, he did everything to defeat the objective of cooperative federalism, must quietly fade away.

BIDYUT KUMAR CHATTERJEE,
Faridabad, Haryana

■ One expected the graceful and experienced Margaret Alva to have become the next Vice-President of the country. But it was not to be. One only hopes that Mr. Dhankhar will carry out his duties dispassionately, and fairly and impartially. The outgoing Vice-President, M. Venkaiah Naidu, has set a very good example of how a Chairperson should conduct himself in the Rajya Sabha.

THARCIUS S. FERNANDO,
Chennai

■ Although the victory of Mr. Dhankhar was a foregone conclusion, the result only exposed the gaps in the armour of the Opposition. What was more confounding and equally distressing was that Mamata Banerjee, the self-styled captain of the Opposition unity ship, herself turned out to be the wrecker-in-chief.

AYYASSERI RAVEENDRANATH,
Aranmula, Kerala

■ Margaret Alva was not gracious in her defeat. Her lament that some Opposition leaders did not support her is a case of sour grapes. It was a foregone conclusion that the NDA's choice would eventually sail through. That the BJP stole a march over the Opposition in ensuring the win of both its Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees is undeniable. Ms. Alva can take heart from the fact that she was only rejected by the people's representatives and not by the people.

SIVAMANI VASUDEVAN,
Chennai

On patriotism

Citizens should have the freedom to display patriotism in as many ways as possible in a democratic country. On the contrary, asking all citizens to showcase the National Flag on their social media/display pictures will only catalyse a 'follow the crowd' mentality. Perhaps, this move may provide a window of opportunity for self-appointed 'digital vigilante groups' to judge the degree of patriotism of others, to whom they have online access. Hence, the Opposition's response to this call with their own twist is a step in the right direction to break the crowd mentality. In a democracy, no single political party must be allowed to hijack patriotism.

A. VENKATASUBRAMANIAN,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

Medal rush

India's medal rush at the Commonwealth Games 2022 is a proud moment for the country. As the country nears its 75th Independence Day, the wins reflect a new and resurgent India that wants to own a place on the pedestal.

SUBASH BALAKRISHNAN,
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

Launch a national tribal health mission

It can be the path to a peaceful health revolution for the 11 crore tribal people in India

ABHAY BANG

Health department staff conduct vaccination drives in the Agency areas of Visakhapatnam district, Andhra Pradesh. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

For the first time since independence, a tribal President has become a reality in India. This is a very positive signal given to the tribal people by the Narendra Modi government. On this International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, let us explore how this symbolic gesture can be turned into a health revolution for the tribal people of India.

Few people are aware that nearly 11 crore tribal people (enumerated as Scheduled Tribes (ST) in the Census of India (2011) live in India. They constitute 8.6% of India's population, the second largest number of tribal people in any country in the world. The Prime Minister and the national leadership of the Bharatiya Janata Party are aware of this fact, which is one of the reasons why they have chosen a tribal woman for the highest position in the country.

A study published in *The Lancet*, titled 'Indigenous and Tribal Peoples' Health' (2016), found that India held the inglorious distinction of having the second highest infant mortality rate for the tribal people, next only to Pakistan. This is not an honourable position.

Findings

On this day, in 2018, the first national report on the state of India's tribal people's health was submitted to the Government of India by the Expert Committee on Tribal Health. The 13-member committee was jointly appointed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India. I was the Chairman of this committee, with the Additional Secretary and Mission Director of the National Health Mission as the Member Secretary. It took five years of enormous work for the committee to dig out evidence and construct a national picture. The picture was both pathetic and promising. These were some of the few major findings.

Firstly, tribal people are concentrated in 809 blocks in India. Such areas are designated as the Scheduled Areas. However, the more unexpected finding was that half of India's tribal population, nearly five and a half crore, live outside the Scheduled Areas, as a scattered and marginalised minority. They are the most powerless.

Second, the health status of tribal people has certainly improved during the last 25 years as seen in the decline in the under-five child mortality rate from 135 in 1988 in the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-1 to 57 in 2014 (NFHS-4). However, the percentage of excess of under-five morality among STs compared to others has widened.

Third, child malnutrition is 50% higher in tribal children: 42% compared to 28% in others.

Fourth, malaria and tuberculosis are three to 11 times more common among the tribal people. Though the tribal people constitute only 8.6% of the national population, half of the total malaria deaths in India occur among them.

Fifth, while malnutrition, malaria and mortality continue to plague tribal people, gradually, the more difficult to treat non-communicable diseases such as hypertension and diabetes, and worse, mental health problems such as depression and addiction leading to cancer and suicide, are increasing. These threaten the health and survival of tribal adults.

Sixth, tribal people heavily depend on government-run public health care institutions, such as primary health centres and hospitals, but there is a 27% to 40% deficit in the number of such facilities, and 33% to 84% deficit in medical doctors in tribal areas. Government health care for the tribal people is starved of funds as well as of human resource. We found them demoralised and inefficient.

Seventh, there is hardly any participation of the tribal people - locally or at the State or national level - in designing, planning or delivering health care to them.

The official policy of allocating and spending an additional financial outlay, called Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP), equal to the percentage of the ST population in the State, has been completely flouted by all States. As estimated for 2015-16, annually ₹15,000 crore should be additionally spent on tribal health. No accounts or accountability exist on this. No one knows how much was spent or not spent.

These issues have persisted as there is no separate data on tribal people's health, or healthcare or on the money spent.

A road map

The committee was also asked by the Government of India to prepare a road map for the future, which it did. This road map includes a large number of recommendations, but the three most important broad recommendations are the following. Firstly, launch a National Tribal Health Action Plan with a goal to bring the status of health and healthcare at par with the respective State averages in the next 10 years. Second, the committee suggested nearly 80 measures to address the 10 priority health problems, the health care gap, the human resource gap and the governance problems. Third, the committee suggested allocation of additional money so that the per capita government health expenditure on tribal people becomes equal to the stated goal of the National Health Policy (2017), i.e. 2.5% of the per capita GDP.

Four years have already passed. The committee presented its report on August 8, 2018, to J.P. Nadda (who was the Health Minister at that time), the Minister of Tribal Affairs, the Secretaries of the two ministries and the Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research. Mr. Nadda promised that "this historic report will not lie on the shelf. This government will certainly implement it". The tribal people of India are waiting.

The Health Minister and the 10 States with a sizable tribal population should take the initiative. The Prime Minister has already signalled his intention by electing a tribal President of India. Let this massive need and the historic opportunity receive an appropriate response. A proposal currently being discussed involves addressing only one disease, the Sickle Cell Disease. Though needed, it will substantially help, at best, five lakh to 10 lakh sickle cell disease patients - merely about 0.5% of the tribal people. The tribal healthcare system is sick, and tribal people need more substantive solutions. We need to move from symbolic gestures to substantive promises, from promises to a comprehensive action plan, and from an action plan to realising the goal of a healthy tribal people.

If actualised, the Tribal Health Mission can be the path to a peaceful health revolution for the 11 crore tribal people. India needs to demonstrate to them that democracy offers a caring solution to their wounds.

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The fight for fiscal autonomy

The erosion of fiscal autonomy does not bode well for our federal structure and will thwart the growth of developed States

SALEM DHARANIDHARAN

In a recent debate between Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Opposition MPs on price rise, Ms. Sitharaman said the States should do more, ignoring the fact that the reduced fiscal autonomy of the States gives them little leeway to do much. Similarly, the increasing reliance of the Union government on indirect taxes such as the GST has directly contributed to price rise and inequality. But despite reduced fiscal autonomy, States such as Tamil Nadu and Kerala have contained price rise and inflation through targeted interventions.

Growing inequality

Adam Smith had argued that taxation per se is not bad, but should follow the principles of fairness. Fairness, in taxation, should be compatible with taxpayers' conditions, including their ability to pay in line with their personal and family needs. However, the Union government's increasing dependence on indirect taxes has removed any 'fairness' in taxation. The share of indirect taxes of the gross tax revenue in FY2019 increased by up to 50% compared to 43% in FY2011. Compare this with the OECD countries, where indirect taxes on average do not contribute to more than 33% of their tax revenue. Indirect taxes are regressive because they tax both the rich and the poor equally.

The poor get taxed a higher proportion of their income compared to the rich. For example, Indians on average spend 22% of their income on fuel, the highest in the world. Also, Union tax on diesel has increased by 800% since 2014, which, after recent reductions, stands at 300%. While indirect taxes have increased, direct taxes such as corporate tax have been reduced from 35% to 22%, leading to a loss of about ₹2 lakh crore to the exchequer. This over-reliance on indirect taxes not only hinders growth by thwarting demand, but can also lead to high inflation and high inequality, which again inhibit growth.

The reason for high inflation in India lies in the extremely high CPI index for food (over 15% in the recent past). Instead of making efforts to lower food prices, the Union government, via GST, increased taxation on basic food items such as rice and milk.

It is not a mere coincidence that India's increasing reliance on indirect taxes has coincided with rising inequality and lower growth. Over recent years, wealth has remained concentrated in the top echelons of society. According to the World Inequality Report 2022 report, the top 1% of India's richest held 22% of the total national income as of 2021 and the top 10% owned 57% of the income. The report also showed that India is one of the most unequal countries in the world. Furthermore, the World Poverty Clock identifies India as home to the second highest number of extremely poor people.

Tamil Nadu's performance

Inflation, and predominantly rural inflation, has touched double digits in some States. Tamil Nadu and Kerala have been able to buck the trend of high inequality and inflation. To understand the low inflation rates in Tamil Nadu, one has to look at how inflation is calculated. Inflation is based on weighted average of components such as transport and food, which are given a weightage ranging from 6% to 10% basis points. Due to Tamil Nadu's efficient Public Distribution System and welfare schemes such as free bus travel for women, inflation or price rise has been negated to a greater extent. Apart from low inflation, Tamil Nadu and Kerala also occupy a leading position on several socio-economic indicators such as graduate enrolment ratio and female participation in the labour force. This was possible because these States had a head start in launching socio-economic programmes. It is the state that mostly implements schemes and provides basic necessities to the citizens. It is therefore the state which can improve the lives of citizens.

But States require fiscal autonomy to implement these programmes. There has been a substantial erosion in Tamil Nadu's fiscal autonomy in the last few years. While a developed State such as Tamil Nadu gets only 30 paisa in return for every rupee it contributes to the Union, States such as Uttar Pradesh and Bihar get ₹2 to ₹3 for every rupee contributed. Arbitrary increases on cess and surcharge, which are non-divisible with States, have further reduced the individual States' fiscal resources. The share of cesses and surcharges in the gross tax revenue of the Union government has nearly doubled between 2011-12 and 2020-21. Such continuous erosion of fiscal autonomy does not bode well for India's federal structure and will only thwart the growth of developed States. The Union government should urgently initiate a course correction on its taxation policy and fiscal autonomy.

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STATE OF PLAY

In Tamil Nadu, BJP's strategic moves

The party is aggressively projecting itself as a bankable alternative through a twin strategy

D. SURESH KUMAR

Keen on altering Tamil Nadu's bipolar political landscape, which is dominated by the DMK and the AIADMK, the BJP is aggressively projecting itself as a bankable alternative through a twin strategy. Firstly, party State president K. Annamalai is laboriously trying to showcase the BJP as the main opposition party by frequently taking on the ruling DMK. Second, post its national executive meeting in Hyderabad last month, as part of 'Mission South', the BJP has begun groundwork to highlight Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "benevolence" towards Tamil Nadu.

After tasting marginal but noticeable success on the BJP's own strength in February's urban civic elections, Mr. Annamalai is leaving no stone unturned to expand the party's base. He tours districts on most days, holds meetings with functionaries of the party's numerous wings, and makes random stopovers to mingle with people of different sections. He also does not lose an opportunity to put the DMK on the defensive by levelling charges of irregularities in one department or the other. Irrespective of whether the charges have a substantial basis, State ministers have been forced to respond to them, keeping the subjects alive in the minds of the people. He is aided by an ecosystem that ensures that Tamil Nadu-level issues are escalated to a debating point on English television channels and reach intended Tamil households through social media.

The party has also put the State government on the back foot on certain issues by staging agitations. Three months ago, for instance, the government restrained local bodies from passing resolutions to rename streets/buildings. This was after the BJP protested against a proposal to rename a temple car street in Tiruvarur in memory of former Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi, who represented the Assembly constituency in his last two terms. The BJP has even sought to build a counter-narrative on the rising cost of fuel and domestic LPG cylinders by asking why the DMK government failed to cushion this price rise by fulfilling its electoral promises. The DMK in its manifesto had said it would reduce the price of petrol by ₹5 (the government reduced it by ₹3/litre last year), diesel by ₹4 and offer a subsidy of ₹100 per LPG cylinder.

Alongside this, Mr. Annamalai is carefully making himself central to the party's growth. He is cultivating an image of an emerging youth political icon, with videos shared by the party showing him being mobbed by youngsters posing for selfies. He is also planning a year-long padayatra in 2023, to galvanise support.

Simultaneously, as part of the larger organisational plan, the party has assigned one Union Minister for every four Lok Sabha constituencies in preparation for the 2024 parliamentary elections. Union Minister of State V.K. Singh has made two trips to the constituencies allotted to him. Such trips by Central ministers will become frequent soon. The idea is to enlighten the BJP's block and union-level functionaries about how the Modi government's schemes have "benefited" the State. These functionaries will in turn take this to the people to counter the campaign of the DMK and its allies that the Union government is "anti-Tamil Nadu". Whether or not such an outreach translates into votes in the long run, the party wants to have an image of not being antagonistic towards the State.

If the BJP is able to manoeuvre for an alternative space, it is partially thanks to the AIADMK's inadequate vigour to retrieve lost ground and the absence of credible and serious third players. It is early to predict if the BJP would gamble heading an alternative front or go it alone in the 2024 polls. However, should it align with the AIADMK, its groundwork is certain to give it a greater leverage in seat sharing negotiations than in 2019.

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DATA POINT

Consumer confidence falls again

The RBI's July 2022 edition of the consumer confidence survey showed that the growing optimism recorded among urban Indian consumers after the Delta wave waned in May 2021 has reduced. The confidence in the economy and in the employment scenario, which started growing since May 2021, started to wane from May this year and continued to decline in the July edition of the survey. More than 95% of urban consumers said that the price levels have increased compared to last year. Also, the number of people who said they were spending more has rapidly increased.

By **The Hindu Data Team**

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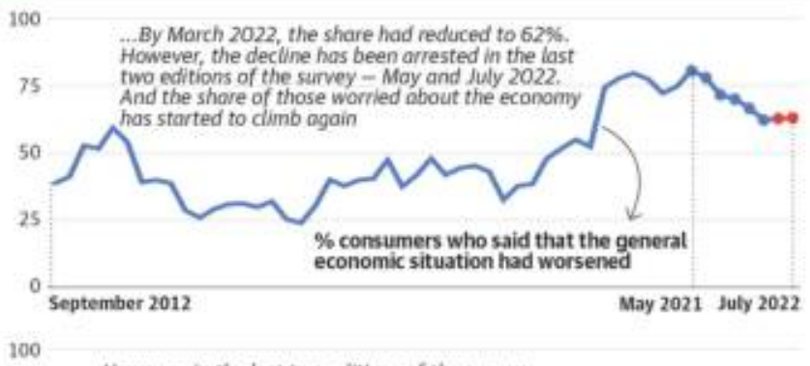
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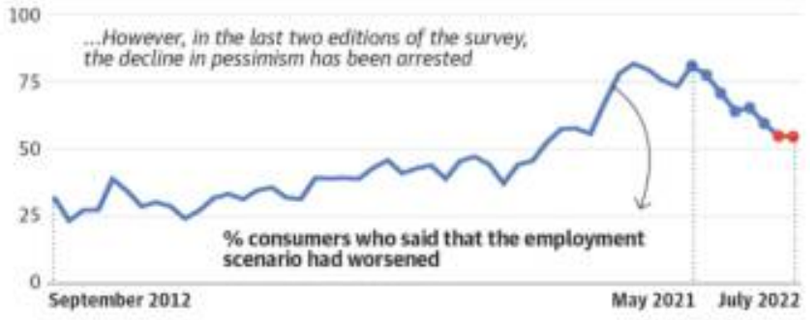

3 Price levels: The share of urban consumers who said that the price levels have increased compared to last year continued to be above 95% in the latest edition of the survey

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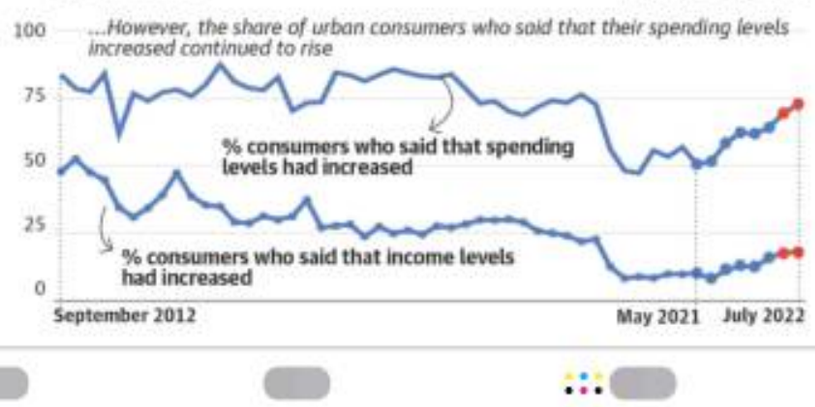
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 9, 1972

Tactful Speaker pacifies all

New Delhi, Aug. 5: The honour of a Minister was partly vindicated, the right of press correspondents to make fair interpretation of proceedings was upheld and members' sense of good humour ultimately prevailed in the Lok Sabha to-day with the tactful handling by the Speaker of a Congress member who was upset over Friday's proceedings and the newspaper reports of it the next day. The Congress member, Mr. N.K.P. Salve, wanted to know whether the Speaker had really rebuked the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Mr. Raj Bahadur, as made out by a certain newspaper report. He also wanted Mr. Hiren Mukherjee (CPI) to explain what he meant by calling Mr. Raj Bahadur "a cipher". The Speaker, Mr. Dhillon, said that he had only stated that he wished the Minister had defended him while he was under attack on an earlier day instead of expressing sympathy the day after. He had not rebuked Mr. Raj Bahadur. He would not however be too concerned about what the newspaper account said. Mr. Mukherjee was less obliging. While he was prepared to give "a good chit" to the Minister by saying that he knew him for 29 years to be a pleasant and competent person, he stood by the record of what he had said on Friday. Some members objected to the demand that Mr. Mukherjee should explain the words he had used and Mr. Piloo Mody (Swat.) said the Minister was "not just a cipher but a double cipher".

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 9, 1922

Khaddar Work

Gauhati, Aug. 8: The Congress Civil Disobedience Enquiry Committee reached here yesterday and was given a hearty reception by Non-Co-operators and others. They commenced enquiry in the afternoon and examined some prominent Congress workers of the province. In the evening they addressed a mass meeting and spoke on khaddar unity, non-violence and removal of untouchability. They urged every one to become member of the Congress and to work out the constructive programme. Mr. Patel asked the audience to pay their day's income on the 18th of each month to the Tilak Swaraj Fund and to mark the date of conviction of Mr. Gandhi. Jumunadas Gandhi, Inspector of All-India Congress Khaddar Department, accompanied the committee to ascertain the progress of khaddar work in Assam. It is reported that he will visit several districts in connection with khaddar work and will suggest possible improvements.

FROM PAGE ONE

Nitish calls JD(U) meet today as crisis brews

RJD national vice-president Shivanand Tiwary said that the convening of meetings of legislators by both parties was an indication that the situation was "extraordinary". "I am not aware of the goings-on. But we cannot ignore the fact that both parties, which together had sufficient numbers to muster a majority, have convened such meetings when an Assembly session is not round the corner," Mr. Tiwary said.

"If Nitish chooses to dump NDA, what choice do we have except to embrace him (*gale lagaenge*). RJD is committed to fighting the BJP. If the Chief Minister decides to join this fight, we will have to take him along," he said. On whether the RJD would be willing to forget bitter episodes of the past, such as Mr. Kumar's return to the NDA in 2017, citing allegations of corruption against former Chief Minister Lalu Prasad and his family members, including son Tejashwi Yadav, he said, "In politics, we cannot remain prisoners of the past."

Congress MLA Shakeel Ahmad said parties with "similar ideologies" should come together. He dismissed reports that the Congress's growing distance with the RJD and the Left in the State would come in the way of a combined alliance.

'Don't disturb normal affairs with Sri Lanka'

The Ministry however did not comment on the outcome of its request. Further, Sri Lanka "reaffirms the enduring friendship and excellent relations between Sri Lanka and China which remain on a solid foundation", the Ministry said, noting that the message was reiterated most recently by the two Foreign Ministers, Ali Sabry and Wang Yi, at a meeting on August 4.

"At this first meeting between the two Foreign Ministers, Minister Sabry referred to Sri Lanka's firm commitment to the one-China policy which has been a consistent principle in the country's foreign policy," the Ministry said.

The ship's visit is another example of Indian and Chinese interests rubbing up against each other in Sri Lanka. Last year, a Chinese firm similarly hit out at what it called "interference" by a "third party" after India raised concerns about the awarding of a renewable energy project to a company from China, for installing energy systems in three islands off Jaffna. Amid the latest dispute over the visit of the ship, China and Sri Lanka have been continuing long negotiations on possible financial assistance.

(With inputs from Colombo)

Krishna, Godavari levels on the rise

Sriramsagar was getting 41,000 cusecs, followed by Kaddam (21,000) and Lower Manair (10,800).

As a result, the Yellampally Barrage, upstream of Medigadda was receiving water flow of more than 1.74 lakh cusecs at 8 p.m. on Monday and the discharge was more than 1.86 lakh cusecs.

The IMD has predicted very heavy to extremely heavy rains in Telangana and has alerted for water level rise in the Godavari Basin in Adilabad, Bhadradri-Kothagudem, Jagital, Jayashankar-Bhupalpalle, Kumram Bheem-Asifabad, Karimnagar, Mahababad, Mancherial, Medak, Mulugu, Nizamabad, Rajanna-Sircilla, Peddapalli, Nirmal, Siddipet and Warangal districts for the next two-three days.

Panel bats for equality in child's guardianship

Section 7 of the same Act provides that the natural guardianship of an adopted son, who is a minor, passes on adoption to the adopted father and 'after' him to the adoptive mother.

Marital disputes

The parliamentary panel has also called for a relook at child custody in case of marital disputes and suggested empowering courts to award joint custody to both parents when conducive for the welfare of the child, or award sole custody to one parent with visitation rights to the other. "As the society is rapidly evolving, conjugal and familial relationships are becoming more and more complex. The basis for ending marriage has shifted from fault-finding divorce to mutual consent divorce. There is a need to lay down a framework within the legislation within which the divorcing parents and children can decide what custodial arrangement works the best for them," the panel has said. It has also proposed guardianship rights of those differently abled and suffering from autism or cerebral palsy, people suffering from mental health problems as well as senior citizens.

Maharashtra Cabinet expansion set for today

10 to 15 Ministers likely to be sworn in

SHOUMOJIT BANERJEE
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After much suspense lasting for 40 days, the long-pending expansion of the new Maharashtra Cabinet of the Eknath Shinde-Devendra Fadnavis government is set to take place on Tuesday at 11 a.m., government sources said on Monday.

The administration also issued a notice announcing that the long-delayed Monsoon Session of the State legislature would begin on Wednesday and continue till August 18.

The swearing-in ceremony of the new Ministers would be held in the Raj Bhavan, officials said.

Earlier in the day, a nearly two-hour meeting between Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis took place at the former's residence. The meeting signalled that the expansion was imminent.

By all accounts, the expansion will take place in two phases. Sources say that anywhere between 10 to 15 Ministers are likely to be sworn in during the first phase.

No district-level minority groups, says SC

Supreme Court cites 11-judge Bench judgment, says such identification can be done only at State level

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday orally observed that it is "contrary to law" to identify religious and linguistic minority communities district-wise. A Bench of Justices U.U. Lalit and S. Ravindra Bhat remarked that minority status of linguistic and religious communities have to be considered State-wise.

> You want to somehow bring out a case when there is none. We can look into concrete case of denial, the court cannot pass general orders
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> JUSTICE RAVINDRA BHAT
> Supreme Court

The court was hearing a petition filed by Devkinandan Thakur Ji, a Mathura resident, claiming that Hindus do not get minority status in States where they are "socially, economically and politically non-dominant and numerically inferior". The petition had also sought a declaration from the court to identify minorities district-wise.

"Your prayer to recognise minorities at the district level is contrary to law. There is a 11-judge Bench judgment which holds that it should be done at the State level," Justice Bhat addressed the petitioner side.

The judge was referring to the majority verdict given by the 11-judge Bench in the T.M.A Pai versus State of Karnataka case in 2002. The Bench said the court cannot pass "general" directions to States to bestow certain communities with minority status. "If you bring a concrete case, we can look into it... This has to be done on a case-to-case basis," Justice Lalit told the petitioner side.

"You want to somehow bring out a case when there is none. We can look into concrete case of denial, the court cannot pass general orders," Justice Bhat said.

At this point, advocate Ashwini Upadhyay intervened to point out that a similar petition was pending before another Bench of the apex court. He urged the Bench to tag this petition along with the other one which has been pending since 2020. Mr. Upadhyay is himself the petitioner in the 2020 case.

The court tagged Mr. Thakur's case with the earlier case and scheduled a hearing in the first week of September before the appropriate Bench.

In the previous hearing before Justice Lalit's Bench, Mr. Thakur had complained that followers of Judaism, Bahaism and Hinduism, who were the real minorities in Ladakh, Mizoram, Lakshadweep, Kashmir, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Punjab and Manipur, could not establish and administer educational institutions of their choice, thus jeopardising their basic rights guaranteed under Articles 29 and 30.

But the court had indicated that a religious or linguistic community which were a minority in a particular State could inherently claim protection and the right to administer and run their own education institutions under Articles 29 and 30 of the Constitution.

The court had asked whether a specific notification, declaring such non-dominant communities as a 'minority' in the particular State, was required to be issued at all.

The court had made it clear that it would not entertain petitions devised in "thin air".

It had challenged the petitioner to bring a "concrete case" in which Hindus were denied rights in States where they were a minority.

Sanjay Raut sent to judicial custody

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

A special court on Monday sent Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut to judicial custody till August 22 in a 2018 money laundering case. After being questioned for nine hours by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), Mr. Raut was arrested on August 1 by the central agency on allegations of irregularities pertaining to the redevelopment of the Patra Chawl in Mumbai's Goregaon.

Enforcement Directorate counsel Hiten Venegavkar told the special prevention of money laundering act judge that Mr. Raut's additional ED custody is not required.

The court took note of his medical history and allowed home food and medicines for him at Arthur Road Jail.

BJP slammed over property deals

Cong. asks SC to take cognisance of questionable land transactions in Ayodhya

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

After several BJP politicians, including an MLA, a Mayor, and a former legislator, figured in the Ayodhya Development Corporation's list of people engaged in illegal land deals, the Opposition parties on Monday slammed the party and questioned the Narendra Modi government's silence on the issue.

While the Congress asked the Supreme Court to take *suo motu* cognisance of the questionable land deals, the Aam Aadmi Party demanded that the illegal constructions be bulldozed and questioned why the Uttar Pradesh government was only now waking up to the issue.

In the name of lord: The Ram Lalla idol in a temporary location near the Ram Mandir site in Ayodhya. • SANDEEP SAXENA

Tagging a related news report, which revealed that 40 people had been accused of trading in land illegally in Ayodhya, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said in a tweet in Hindi, "BJP scam in the name of Maryada Purushottam Lord Ram. Why is Home Minister Amit Shah silent on this?" Addressing a press conference here, Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate alleged a "huge property scam" is happening in Ayodhya as her party demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi break his silence on the issue.

"We have been saying this since June 2021 when things came to light on how the land scam is happening in Ayodhya but now the Ayodhya development authority has put out a list of 40 people who have been involved in a land scam in the building of the Ram temple and prominent among those are the Ayodhya's BJP MLA Ved Prakash Gupta, BJP Mayor Rishikesh Upadhyay, former BJP MLA Gorakhnath Baba and multiple officers in the Uttar Pradesh government whose relatives have bought land," Ms. Shrinate said.

Mr. Upadhyay and Mr. Gupta have claimed innocence and alleged foul play in the list of alleged offenders released by the authority. AAP Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh said he had been raising this issue since 2022 and that he had also sent a police complaint to the Nagar Kotwali station on June 24, naming Mr. Upadhyay as one of the accused, on which, he claimed no action had been taken yet.

'23 FIRs filed'

"When I raised my voice, cases were registered against me which even involved cases of sedition. Nine FIRs within one day and a total of 23 FIRs were filed against me, but no action was taken against the people against whom I wanted an inquiry to take place," Mr. Singh said.

"The only probe that is happening into the land scam is at the district magistrate-level. How can the DM probe the MLA, the ex-MLA, the Ministers," Ms. Shrinate said, adding that people's donations were being "played around", which was akin to "stealing from that donation".

Prison term, fine for U.P. Minister in Arms Act case

Sachan gets bail soon after verdict

MAYANK KUMAR
LUCKNOW

A Kanpur court on Monday sentenced Uttar Pradesh Minister Rakesh Sachan to one-year imprisonment and imposed a fine of ₹1,500 on him in a 1991 Arms Act case. Mr. Sachan, who handles the MSME and Khadi portfolios, was subsequently granted bail as the sentence is for fewer than three years, said Richa Gupta, government counsel.

Rakesh Sachan (centre) • PTI

The Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court on August 6 found Mr. Sachan guilty in the 31-year-old Arms Acts case, after which he allegedly "fled" from the courtroom with the copy of the order. A complaint was filed against him with the Kotwali police station by the reader of the court for allegedly taking away the copy of the order.

The Minister, however, denied the charges, claiming that misleading things are going against him and asked the police to check CCTV footage. Mr. Sachan, who has been active in politics since his college days, is considered an influential Kurmi leader in central U.P. and started his electoral innings with the Samajwadi Party (SP). He was elected on SP ticket in the 1993 and 2002 Assembly elections from Ghatampur.

He won the election in 2009 from the Fatehpur Lok Sabha seat under the Congress banner. He joined the BJP before the 2022 Assembly election.

BJP 'silently' stands by partner JD(U) in Bihar

Last month, BJP leadership made it clear that alliance between party and JD(U) was to be maintained

NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Monday said it was watching the developments in Bihar closely, and added that as of now they stood by what party president J.P. Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah told party leaders in Patna in late July – that the BJP would be fighting the 2024 Lok Sabha and 2025 Assembly election with the Janata Dal(U).

Nitish Kumar

The relationship between the BJP and the JD(U) has had many twists and turns and its seems matters in Bihar are building up to some sort of a denouement. In all of this, two or three things are extremely clear – that while the BJP's national leadership is ready to turn a blind eye or even quietly encourage covert ways of chipping away at its ally's support base, as it happened with Chirag Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) playing vote cutter in the 2020 Assembly polls, reducing the JD(U) to 43 seats (now 45), the BJP is not ready for any parting of ways.

In the meetings of the national executive of BJP's frontal organisations held in Patna last month, the national leadership made it clear that the alliance with the JD(U) was to be held on to.

This was despite a clear mood in the BJP State unit that the relationship between the two parties was not as it should be.

Mr. Nadda, who went to visit his *alma mater* Patna University, was gheraoed by students owing allegiance to the All India Students Association, who raised slogans against him. It was termed as a breach of security by the BJP local unit, but the national leadership glossed over it.

Even during the protests against the Centre's new recruitment policy for the armed forces, Agnipath, and the violence aimed at BJP leaders in the State, Mr. Shah advised patience and calm to party leaders.

On its part, the BJP had asked party leaders to visit 200 of the 243 Assembly constituencies prior to the national executive, which riled the JD(U). "Why 200 seats, why not prepare for all 243," said JD(U) national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh "Lallan" at this move.

On Sunday, he was more explicit. "Two conspiracies were hatched against Nitish Kumar in recent times – one the Chirag model of 2020, which was responsible for bringing down our Assembly seats to 43. Another had been in the making and was nipped in the bud," Mr. Singh said a clear indication towards R.C.P Singh.

Mr. Kumar had not been happy that R.C.P Singh had become Minister in the Union government from the JD (U) quota and appeared cosier with the BJP than his own party.

Mondal tries to get into hospital after CBI summons

Trinamool Congress leader has sent email saying he will not be able to appear before the agency

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

Senior Trinamool Congress leader Anubrata Mondal on Monday skipped summons issued by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the alleged cattle smuggling scam.

The Central Bureau of Investigation has summoned the Trinamool Congress Birbhum district president to appear before it in Kolkata. The Trinamool Congress leader has sent an email saying that he will not be able to present before the agency on August 8.

Mr. Mondal, during the day, however, went to the State-run SSKM Hospital in Kolkata for treatment. A team of doctors examined him, but categorically said that there was no need for his admission to the super-specialty facility.

Anubrata Mondal on the way to the SSKM hospital after the CBI summoned him on Monday. • DEBASISH BHADURI

Past incidents

In the past, Mr. Mondal was admitted to the hospital when the CBI had issued a summons to him. After being denied admission to the hospital, Mr. Mondal returned to his residence in Birbhum.

There were unusual scenes at the hospital, when some people shouted at the Trinamool leader calling him a "cattle thief". The Trinamool leader was quizzed by the Central Bureau of Investigation in May this year after skipping several summons by the Central agency.

The summons to the Trinamool Congress leader, Anubrata Mondal, by the CBI comes close on the heels of the arrest of former Trinamool Congress heavyweight Partha Chatterjee by the Enforcement Directorate in the School Service Commission recruitment scam.

Another chargesheet

In a related development, the CBI on Monday filed a supplementary chargesheet in the cattle smuggling scam. The chargesheet filed before a court in Asansol in West Bengal named Saigal Hossain, the security officer of Anubrata Mondal, as one of the accused in the cattle smuggling scam.

According to the CBI, Mr. Hossain has property worth ₹4 crore.

Recently, the CBI has arrested Mr. Hossain in connection with the scam. Another person named in the chargesheet is former Trinamool leader Bikash Mishra.

The Central Bureau of Investigation chargesheets filed earlier in the case have named a former commandant of Border Security Force Satish Kumar and businessman Emanul Haque as accused.

The scam involves smuggling of cattle through India-Bangladesh border through the cattle *haats* located in Birbhum district.

IN BRIEF

SC grants interim protection to Navika

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday granted interim protection from arrest to news anchor Navika Kumar in connection with an FIR lodged against her over the controversial remarks made by Nupur Sharma. "As an interim measure, no coercive action shall be taken against the petitioner pursuant to the impugned FIRs or future FIRs which may be registered with respect to the broadcast of May 26," the court said.

India, U.S. Armies begin special exercise

NEW DELHI

The 13th Edition of the Indo-U.S. Joint Special Forces exercise "Ex Vajra Prahar 2022" commenced at the Special Forces Training School (SFTS), Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh on August 8. "The Vajra Prahar series of joint exercise aims to share best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics," the Army said in a statement.

Indian Army to develop indigenous drones

NEW DELHI

The Army Design Bureau has signed an MoU with the Drone Federation of India (DFI) to collaboratively work towards promoting research, development, testing and manufacturing of drones, counter-drone and associated technologies that can assist the Army in its operations, the Army said on Monday. Both parties have agreed to collaboratively work to create a road map for droneand allied technologies.

Monsoon Session comes to a close

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Monsoon Session of Parliament, which witnessed suspension of 27 MPs, controversy over the "Rashtrapatni" remark, summons issued by the ED to Opposition leaders and weeks of disruptions over price rise and unemployment, was adjourned *sine die* on Monday, four days ahead of schedule.

While Parliament was scheduled to be in session until August 12, it had two working days marked as holidays on account of Muharram and Raksha Bandhan. The Lok Sabha saw a total of 16 sittings that ran 44 hours and 29 minutes, while the Rajya Sabha met for 38 hours with as many as 47 hours lost due to disruptions, an issue flagged by outgoing Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu.

He said the House that commenced on July 18 could not conduct business for more than 38 hours and more hours were lost due to disruptions.

Rajya Sabha bids farewell to Venkaiah

Members request him to continue to guide Parliament as an experienced politician of the country

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha bid an emotional farewell to Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu on Monday with leaders from the Opposition and Treasury Benches requesting him to continue to guide Parliament as one of the most experienced politicians of the country.

Mr. Naidu's term as Vice-President will end on August 10, and Parliament has elected Jagdeep Dhankhar to succeed him. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, and leaders of various parties conveyed their best wishes to Mr. Naidu.

Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien's reference to the tragic death of Mr. Naidu's mother brought the Vice-President to tears.

Mr. Naidu, in his reply, appealed to the members to maintain decorum in the House, adding that "we are not enemies" but rivals who should work to outshine each other and not run down each other. Recalling the day when the BJP Parliamentary Board in 2017 decided to nominate him for the V-P post, Mr. Naidu said, "Prime Minister told me in Parliamentary Board meeting that I was being selected, I was in tears, I didn't ask for it. There were tears not because of shirking of responsibility but because I had to leave the party."

He said he bore no ill will against anyone and gave an opportunity to all sides of the House. "I did my best to maintain the House. People want the House to discuss and debate but not disrupt. The respect is declining everywhere as value systems are declining. Try to do your bit, see to it that the democratic principles are followed," he said. He added that media had a weakness and they did not report if the members spoke constructively.

Fond adieu: M. Venkaiah Naidu receiving a memento from Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a farewell organised for him in New Delhi on Monday. • PTI

He said language was an issue dear to him, and several constitutional heads, including the Chief Justice of India, had spoken in the same vein for respecting the mother tongue.

"Primacy should be given to the mother tongue. Be it a school, college or university, the administration should be carried out in the respective State's official language. Before I leave, there has to be a permanent scheme. I will come to sign the file on August 10 whether the House is in session or not. I would like to see arguments in courts in respective Indian languages and judgments are also delivered the same way, it will take time, we should move in the direction," Mr. Naidu said.

Mr. Modi said the Vice-President's journey from a political worker to party president was a reflection of his indomitable steadfastness in ideology and tenacity. "If we have feelings for the country, art of putting forward our views, faith in linguistic diversity, then language and region never become obstacles for us and you have proved this," he said.

Mr. Kharge congratulated Mr. Naidu for functioning as the Chairman under pressure. "You have a different ideology and my ideology is known. But this is not the time to make complaints, as you performed your role under difficult circumstances and under pressure, for which I thank you and appreciate you," he said.

Bill to set up carbon markets passed in LS

It mandates use of non-fossil sources

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

R.K. Singh

The Lok Sabha on Monday passed the Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2022, which provides for the establishment of carbon credit markets and brings large residential buildings under the energy conservation regime.

The Bill mandates the use of non-fossil sources, including green hydrogen, green ammonia, biomass and ethanol, for energy and feedstock, according to the statement of objects and reasons. The Bill amended the Energy Conservation Act, 2001, to establish carbon markets, enhance the scope of the Energy Conservation Building Code, amend penalty provisions and increase number of members in the governing council of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency.

While replying to the discussion on the Bill, Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R.K. Singh clarified that the carbon credit would not be exported and would have to be used domestically. He said till India met the commitments made at COP21 and COP26, it would not allow export of credits. Responding to concerns of some MPs, Mr. Singh said India had not missed targets for reduction of emissions and increase in share of non-fossil energy sources. "We are ahead of the target," he said.

Speaking on the Bill, Congress member Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said States, and not just Central agencies, should also be allowed to issue certificates of carbon credit in the "spirit of federalism". He said he was not against the Bill, but expressed concerns that the carbon markets would lead to a "revolving door" between the government, businesses and NGOs. "The government had failed to strengthen its capacity to produce domestic solar panels," he said, adding that cheaper panels from China were flooding the market.

Nationalist Congress Party member Supriya Sule supported the Bill, but asked what the government's policy regarding coal versus renewable sources was, given that the Coal Ministry had informed Parliament of increased mining and generation.

National Conference member Hasnain Masoodi said while he supported the Bill, it was "depressing that the government has not taken adequate steps to encourage use of renewable energy".

Arbitration Centre Bill

After the Bill was passed by a voice vote, the Lok Sabha took up and passed the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2022, which changed the name of the arbitration centre to the India International Arbitration Centre.

Ms. Sule said the Bill was "colossal waste of time" as it just changed the name of the centre.

In his response, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said the change of name was necessary to prevent confusion as there was a Delhi centre for arbitration where the Delhi High Court referred arbitration matters.

Replying to concerns that Indian companies preferred to seek arbitration in Singapore or London, Mr. Rijiju said that after the Bill was passed, the Union government would include a clause in all its "big contracts" that any dispute would be sent to the arbitration centre in question.

House rocked over new Electricity Bill

States not consulted, says Opposition

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Amid vociferous protests by Opposition members, the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2022 that seeks to give multiple players open access to distribution networks of power suppliers and allow consumers to choose any service provider, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

While the Opposition MPs called the Bill "anti-farmer" and a violation of the promise the Centre had made to the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) that had led the farmers' agitation against the now-repealed farm laws, Union Power Minister R.K. Singh argued that the Bill was "pro-people" and "pro-farmer".

Soon after its introduction, Mr. Singh urged Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to refer the Bill, which seeks to amend the Electricity Act, 2003, to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for wider consultations and address the concerns raised by the Opposition.

The Bill is aimed at allowing private players in the field of electricity distribution on the lines of telecom service providers; consumers will then have the option to choose their own electricity supplier.

Opposing the introduction of the Bill, Manish Tewari and Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury of the Congress, N.K. Premachandran of the RSP, Trinamool member Saugata Roy, DMK leader T.R. Baalu and M.A. Arif of the CPI(M) said the proposed legislation was against the federal structure of the Constitution.

While Mr. Premachandran said electricity was on the Concurrent List and it was the "bounden duty" of the Centre to have "effective consultations" with the State governments, Mr. Tewari said the Bill envisaged allowing multiple private companies to provide electricity in the same area, a provision that could lead to "privatisation of profits and nationalisation of losses".

Mr. Baalu said the Tamil Nadu government had been giving free electricity to farmers for several years and the proposed amendments could affect "poor farmers".

Mr. Singh, however, accused the Opposition of indulging in "false propaganda" against the Bill. "There will be no rollback of subsidy....We have consulted the States and other stakeholders," he said.

Assets worth ₹47,099 cr. attached

Since 2014, 515 money laundering cases related to bank frauds recorded by ED

DEVESH K PANDEY
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has attached properties worth about ₹47,099 crore in 515 money laundering cases related to frauds in public and private sector banks during 2014-2022, according to the Finance Ministry.

In response to a query from Lok Sabha Member Ritesh Pandey, Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat K. Karad said the ED has filed chargesheets before special courts in 115 cases. It said: "Also, out of the aforementioned 515 cases, 137 cases pertain to the bank frauds wherein amount involved is more than ₹100 crore in each case. In certain cases of loan fugitives, the ED has also attached assets worth ₹19,312 crore up to July 29, 2022" under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The figure is 85.5% of the defrauded amount of ₹22,586 crore in these cases.

Ritesh Pandey

According to the Reserve Bank of India, the public and private banks recovered ₹8,39,452 crore from 2014-15 to 2021-22 in the Non-Performing Asset (NPA) accounts, including those reported as frauds.

The aggregate amounts involved in frauds in respect of top 100 accounts, based on the date of occurrence of frauds, were ₹38,722 crore (public banks) and ₹10,729 crore (private banks) in 2014-15. The next financial year, it peaked to ₹51,625 crore for public banks, while the amount was ₹10,484 crore in the case of private banks.

The figure for private banks spiked to ₹17,571 crore in 2018-19. However, the amount gradually reduced and it was ₹7,022 crore for public banks and ₹3,496 crore in 2020-21, whereas in 2021-22 the figure was ₹3,161 crore and ₹406 crore, respectively.

The gross NPA of the borrowing companies, with an outstanding of ₹100 crore and above, was ₹81,921 crore (public banks) and ₹11,370 crore (private banks) as on March 31, 2015; the amount peaked to ₹5,71,676 crore for public banks as on March 31, 2018, and ₹1,23,661 crore for private banks as on March 31, 2020. The figures stood at ₹2,16,206 crore (public banks) and ₹79,638 crore (private banks) as on March 31, 2022, according to the RBI data.

Agnipath, NPR raised during Zero Hour

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The demand to update the National Population Register to check the alleged infiltration from Bangladesh, withdrawal of the Agnipath scheme and the attack on the BJP member from Bharatpur were among the issues that were raised during Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey asked the Centre to carry out the NPR exercise and demanded the dismissal of the Jharkhand government for aiding "Islamisation" activities.

Raising the issue of Agnipath, Congress MP Hibi Eden questioned the effectiveness of the training process under the scheme and demanded its withdrawal.

ED summons to Kharge an affront to Parliament, says Jairam Ramesh

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate summons to Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge is an "outright affront" to Parliament, said the Congress on Monday and added that MPs and Presiding Officers of both the Houses should ensure that it does not recur.

In a statement, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh alleged that the ED summons to Mr. Kharge, in connection with the *National Herald* case, during a Parliament session was done with the sole purpose of harassing Mr. Kharge and the Congress.

According to Mr. Ramesh, Mr. Kharge received an email from the ED to appear before it, to which Mr. Kharge responded by saying that since Parliament was in session, he will send an authorised person for the agency to carry out searches at the office of Young Indian that owned *National Herald*. "This request was not acceded to by the ED and it insisted that his presence was necessary at the *National Herald* building at 12.30 hours that day," he said.

Referring to an observation by the Rajya Sabha Chairman on August 5 that parliamentary privileges are not available in criminal cases, he said Mr. Kharge was not an accused in the case. "Notwithstanding this fact, issuing of summons by ED or any law-enforcing agencies to any MP, much less the Leader of the Opposition when Parliament is in session, is an outright affront to the sacred institution of Parliament," he said.

ODISHA JOINT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION-2022 (OJEE - 2022)

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In view of requests received from various quarters, the last date for submission of online application forms for all the courses under 2nd / Special OJEE, 2022, which was originally notified as 07.08.2022, is hereby extended up to 14.08.2022 and last date for fee payment up to 16.08.2022 (10.00 PM). There will be no further extension of these dates.

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Odisha

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24 score 100 percentile in JEE Main

Many students demand re-test, allege errors in results and mix-up in response sheet

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

Twenty-four candidates, including two women, have scored 100 percentile in the Joint Entrance Examination (Main) for admission to engineering degree programmes. The National Testing Agency (NTA) declared the result on Monday.

Andhra Pradesh and Telangana contributed the most number of toppers with five each, followed by Rajasthan (four) and Uttar Pradesh (two).

Eighteen of the toppers are from the general category, four from the Other Backward Classes and two from the Economically Weaker Section.

However, many students have demanded that they be given another attempt because of technical glitches on the day of the exam and mix-up in response sheets. Some complained that they got lower percentile despite better scores than their peers who appeared in the same session. The National Students' Union of India, the student's wing of the Congress, staged a protest in Delhi to highlight these issues.

Tough test: A file photo of aspirants leaving the examination centre after completing their JEE Main in Vijayawada. • K.V.S. GIRI

"My son got 97.86 percentile with 184 marks out of a total of 296 marks on July 26, while another student who appeared for the exam on July 25 got 98.01 percentile with 152 marks. The NTA says that it normalises marks; still it is not possible that a student with 32 more marks gets a lower percentile," Gautam Biswas, a parent, said. He said that another of his son's peers scored 99.45 percentile in session 1, but when the results were announced on Monday containing the best of sessions 1 and 2, his mark sheet said he did not appear for session 1 and scored 99.1 percentile in session 2. "As a result, instead of a rank of 5,000, he now has a rank of 8,100."

The JEE (Main) for Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Technology programmes was conducted in two sessions between June 24 and 30 and July 25 and 30. Students have the option to appear in both the sessions. The NTA considers the best of the two scores while announcing the result.

A student, Manas Verma, told *The Hindu* that he scored 132 marks and got 94 percentile in session 2, while another student he knew scored 184 marks and got 54 percentile in the same session and even if one accounted for different difficulty levels, such a huge gap was inexplicable.

"Students with poor scores have got good percentile despite the paper being easy or vice versa. This doesn't make sense. There has also been a mix-up of response sheets where some say they have received two different response sheets. Students have nowhere to go to with their grievances," Mr. Biswas said.

Govt. plans system to scour dailies for public grievances

Technology solution will automatically register complaints

VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievance and Pensions has informed a Parliamentary Standing Committee that the government is working to develop a "technology solution" to automatically register grievances published in newspapers and on social media platforms on the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) for action.

The CPGRAMS is an online platform available to the citizens round the clock on all days to lodge their grievances over service delivery for action by the public authorities.

The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances informed the parliamentary panel that in 2016, all Ministries, organisations and departments were requested to examine regularly the "grievances columns" of newspapers to pick up the cases coming under their purview and take expeditious action to redress them in a time-bound manner.

The information was mentioned in the 119th Action Taken Report of the Committee on "Strengthening of grievance redressal mechanism of the Government of India".

Need of mechanism

"Ministries, Departments do take cognisance of complaints published in newspapers/ social media etc., however a structured mechanism for the same is yet to be developed," said the department's reply in the report tabled in the Rajya Sabha on Monday.

The panel said it had time and again underlined the role of newspapers as a source of public grievances. "At times, newspapers bring to light unheard grievances of the underprivileged sections and the vulnerable groups. Accordingly, the committee strongly feels that there should be an effective mechanism in each Ministry and Department for picking and processing newspaper grievances," the report said.

It said that till the technological solution is formalised by working with a team of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, the department should issue guidelines to all Ministries, departments and organisations for regularly examining the grievances published in daily newspapers.

The report said the department was in the process for setting up a feedback call centre. "The call centre will seek feedback from the citizens on disposal of grievances," it said.

'India to send Ukraine more humanitarian aid'

Jaishankar speaks to Dmytro Kuleba

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

India will send a new consignment of humanitarian assistance to Ukraine soon, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar told his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba on Monday. India had sent consignments of medicines and other items needed in Ukraine as the country continues to fight against the Russian forces.

"Discussed recent developments in the conflict and its continuing global repercussions. Assured that the next consignment of Indian humanitarian assistance will be reaching very soon," said Mr. Jaishankar in a social media message. India had sent relief material earlier through flights that used Romania and Poland to send the goods to Ukraine.

"Spoke with Indian Foreign Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar to thank him for India's humanitarian aid to Ukraine. We discussed ways to strengthen our bilateral cooperation and focused on the safety and security of Indian students. I reiterated that Russia must end its war on Ukraine," said Mr. Kuleba, updating about the conversation.

Despite the ongoing war, the international community is trying to sustain the nascent "grain corridor" to help Ukraine export its agricultural products.

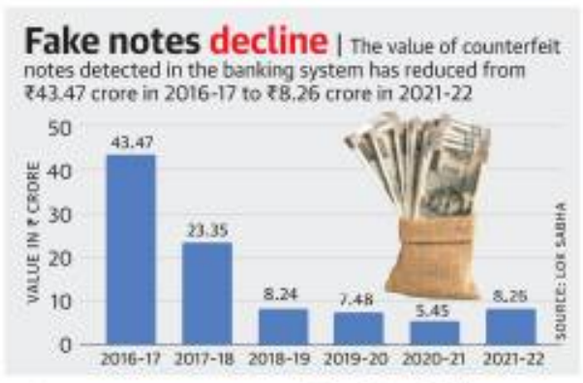
'80% decline in value of fake currency notes'

Discernible trend of reduction in number of counterfeit notes detected in banking system: Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The value of the counterfeit currency in the banking system reduced from ₹43.47 crore in 2016-17 to about ₹8.26 crore in 2021-22, amounting to a sharp decline of more than 80%, according to a Finance Ministry reply in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

In response to a query by Sanjeev Kumar Singari, MP, Minister of State for the Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said: "The number of counterfeit banknotes has come down from 7.62 lakh pieces in 2016-17 to 2.09 lakh pieces in 2020-21 post-decision of the Government of India to cancel the legal tender status of ₹1,000 and ₹500 denomination currency notes on November 8, 2016. The decision of demonetisation had several objectives including curbing of circulation of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN)."



By National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, the value of fake currency seized by various enforcement agencies in 2017 was ₹28 crore. However, it shot up to ₹92.18 crore in 2020.

According to the report of the agencies, "there have been instances where it has been found that the fake currency has been smuggled from the neighbouring countries. While notes seized by different law enforcement agencies have gone up, there is a discernible trend of reduction in the number of counterfeit notes detected in the banking system," he said in the written reply.

The Terror Funding and Fake Currency Cell has been formed in the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to conduct a focused investigation of terror funding and fake currency cases. The government has also set up the FICN Coordination Group to share intelligence and information with the security agencies in the States and the Centre.

"Further, a joint task force is functioning between India and Bangladesh for building trust and cooperation for exchange of information and analysis of smugglers of FICN. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between India and Bangladesh to prevent and counter smuggling and circulation of fake currency notes," the Minister said.

The government conducts capacity-building programmes for various law enforcement agencies at the Centre and State levels.

Training programmes are held for the police officers of Nepal and Bangladesh to sensitise them to the problems arising from smuggling and counterfeiting of Indian currency.

Promote *Har Ghar Tiranga* campaign: UGC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on Monday asked all higher education institutions to create awareness amongst students, staff and other stakeholders of the *Har Ghar Tiranga* campaign.

The Ministry of Culture has developed a website - www.harghartiranga.com - where citizens are encouraged to pin a flag and upload a selfie with the Tricolour.

"All the higher education institutions are requested to create awareness of the website and use the hashtag #harghartiranga for social media promotions," Mr. Jain said.

'Profit of oil companies increased manifold'

LPG price raise only by 41.5%: Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The profits of oil marketing companies have increased manifold, according to an answer tabled in the Rajya Sabha by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry on Monday.

The answer was provided by Minister Hardeep Singh Puri in response to a question from senior BJP member Sushil Kumar Modi. He said Indian Oil Corporation Limited's profits increased to ₹24,184 crore in 2021-22 from ₹1,313 crore in 2019-20.

The prices of petroleum products in the country are linked to international market, Mr. Puri said.

"Prices of LPG in the country are based on Saudi Contract Price (CP). While the Saudi CP has risen approximately 207% from $236 /MT in April, 2020 to $725 /MT in July 2022, retail selling price of 14.2 kg domestic cylinder has gone up from ₹744 in April, 2020 to ₹1,053 in July, 2022, i.e. by 41.5%," he said.

Three dead in stampede at Sikar temple

Four injured in the incident due to a huge rush of pilgrims on Ekadasi day

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAIPUR

Three women were killed and four other pilgrims were injured in a stampede at the Khatu Shyam temple, an important pilgrim destination in Sikar district of Rajasthan, early on Monday. The stampede occurred when the temple was opened for *Ekadasi* pujas, after a huge crowd of devotees built up outside over two days.

A 63-year-old woman with a heart ailment fell down in one of the queues for *darshan* of the deity. Two women standing behind her then collapsed, leading to the stampede. The three got trampled in the rush. Chaos prevailed as people scrambled to find their relatives.

Out of control: A screen grab of the stampede at the Khatu Shyam temple, in Sikar district of Rajasthan on Monday. • PTI

The dead have been identified as Shanti from Hisar in Haryana, Maya Devi from Hathras in Uttar Pradesh and Kripa Devi from the Mansarovar locality in Jaipur. One of the injured has been shifted to the Sawai Man Singh Government Hospital in Jaipur. Others have been discharged after treatment at a primary health centre outside the temple.

The Station House Officer of the Khatu Shyam police station, Riya Chaudhary, was suspended on charges of negligence in handling the situation.

The State government has announced an *ex gratia* of ₹5 lakh each to the kin of the deceased and ₹20,000 each to the injured.

Noida police offer reward on local politician's arrest

6 policemen are suspended for laxity

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GHAZIABAD

A day after a video of local politician Shrikant Tyagi purportedly assaulting a woman and using abusive language against her in a Noida society went viral, the Gautam Buddha Nagar administration launched a hunt for Mr. Tyagi and bulldozers brought down the illegal structure erected by Mr. Tyagi in the common area of Omaxe Grand, situated in sector 93-B of Noida.

In the video, the woman could be seen questioning him for encroaching on the common area of society.

After two FIRs, the Uttar Pradesh Police has announced a reward of ₹25,000 has been announced on the arrest of Mr. Tyagi. Six policemen, including the SHO of the local police station, have been suspended for laxity. The woman who stood up to Mr. Tyagi has been provided security, Prashant Kumar ADGP of U.P. police said.

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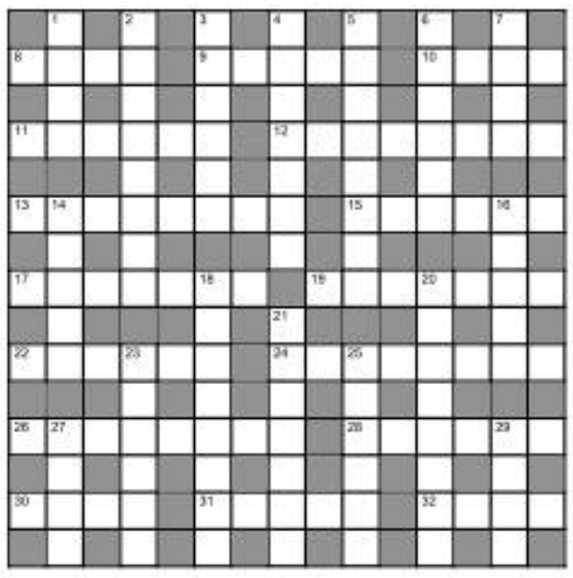

Across

8 Large container with a fish (4)
9 Icelandic animal? (5)
10 English mother makes cheese (4)
11 Thrust thick cord into empty pail (6)
12 Following orders and wriggling toe in bed (8)
13 Justifies tirades after conflict (8)
15 Praises a lieutenant during wild sex (6)
17 In favour of drink? Abandon! (7)
19 Saint fared badly and attacked repeatedly from low-flying aircraft (7)
22 Wild rage in front of an American president (6)
24 Wrongly get and weigh albumen (3,5)
26 Auditor takes loan giver's machine (8)
28 Plump insect goes around Spanish hotel (6)
30 Vehicle with energy protection (4)
31 Guy's starting to investigate acute madness (5)
32 Carve child following alien (4)

Down

1 Funnily, Portugal releases plot for a kind of bean (4)
2 Fortifications containing animal bits (8)
3 German capital found invested in rubber lingerie (6)
4 Virginia and animal go away (7)
5 Then read damaged sticker (8)
6 Perhaps the press and TV covered new city (6)
7 Waving wand to make sun rise? (4)
14 Residence built using adobe components (5)
16 Two models carrying rescue equipment abroad initially give medical care (5)
18 Itinerant monks dig in countries ruled by monarchs (8)
20 Met a Chinese First lady carrying one daughter (8)
21 Fish having that lady's piece of jewellery (7)
23 Selfish desire to posses yen became older (6)
25 Joker returns, carrying uniform, with a couple of females, getting huge laughter (6)
27 Sadly, salad is rejected, after removing out a bit of dressing (4)
29 Pledge pawn (4)

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

Solution to puzzle 13629

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Diseases and remedies

People often ask if it is possible to take on another's disease. While it is not possible for ordinary mortals, because we lack the determination and bhakthi required for this, there have been instances of sishyas taking on the diseases of their Acharyas. Maraneri Nambi prayed to take on the illness of his Acharya Alavandar. Narayana Bhattadri, author of Narayaneeyam, took on the paralysis of his guru, because of his regard for the latter. But such instances are rare, said Velukkudi Krishnan in a discourse.

Another question is if one can pray for relief from a disease. While Narayana Bhattadri did indeed pray for transfer of his Acharya's ailment to him, many verses in his Narayaneeyam indicate that he prayed to Lord Guruvayurapan for relief from his ailment and he was eventually cured.

Some Acharyas, when afflicted by diseases, have seen it as a way of getting rid of past karmas. And they have, therefore, not sought a cure. Some Acharyas, worried that illness would affect their ability to serve the Lord, have prayed for relief. Vishnu Sahasranama says that if one is afflicted by a terrible disease (goreshu vyadhi), and if one recites the name of Lord Narayana, one is bound to be rid of the trouble. The verse says "Narayana sabhda maatram." That means we do not even have to know the meaning of what we are reciting. Mere recital of the name will suffice.

In his Vishnu Sahasranama commentary, known as Bhagavad Guna Darpana, Parasara Bhatta points to the Caraka Samhita, an Ayurvedic treatise, wherein it is said that recitation of Vishnu's thousand names cures fevers. Parasara Bhatta also talks of another Sanskrit writer, who mentions that the Vishnu Sahsranama was recited continuously outside the room where a woman was giving birth to her child.

China military begins new Taiwan drills

According to Taipei, it tracked 13 vessels and 39 aircraft, of which 21 jets crossed the median line

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

A day after concluding unprecedented live-fire drills that effectively blockaded the waters and skies in six regions surrounding Taiwan, China's military began new exercises and training activities that analysts said indicated a new normal in military presence in the Taiwan Strait.

On Monday, the PLA's Eastern Theatre Command, which had carried out the four-day live-firing drills from Thursday until Sunday, said in a brief statement it had continued to conduct "realistic combat-oriented joint exercises and training" in the waters and airspace around Taiwan "focusing on organising joint anti-submarine and sea assault operations".

It did not say when the new drills would conclude.

Face-off continues: A Chinese pilot from the PLA's Eastern Theatre Command during a military drill on Sunday. • AP

Chinese analysts told State media the continuation of the drills was aimed at signalling such exercises taking place east of the median line in the Taiwan Strait and closer to Taiwan would become routine and a new normal.

In the wake of U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's August 3 visit, the Chinese military's drills, which began a day after, for the first time saw a large number of aircraft and warship cross the median of the Taiwan Strait.

Taiwan's Ministry of National Defence on Monday said it had tracked 13 PLA Navy vessels and 39 aircraft on Monday, of which 21 aircraft had again crossed the median. The Communist Party-run *Global Times* said this week's new exercises "further practised seizing the control of the sea with anti-submarine drills".

"Monday's exercises mean that the PLA has extended its drills surrounding the island of Taiwan, which were originally scheduled to conclude on Sunday noon," the newspaper said, quoting military analyst Song Zhongping as saying "as long as the Taiwan question is not solved, drills like these will not stop".

Attack simulated

The continuation of the drills on Monday came as a surprise. While maritime authorities had last week issued a notice declaring the location of the six restricted zones until Sunday, no such notice was published this weekend. Analysts speculated that the latest drills would not involve live-firing or missile launches that would disrupt shipping and aviation, as the four-day exercises had done.

Last week's exercises simulated an attack and carried out an effective blockade around the island of Taiwan, and also included the firing of conventional missiles over the island into waters to its east.

Taiwan has criticised the drills as a provocation that has undermined peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait, while Beijing has justified the moves as a response to Ms. Pelosi's visit, the most high-level from the U.S. to Taiwan in 25 years, which it saw as a violation of the "One China Policy".

Ceasefire between Israel, militants takes effect in Gaza

Fighting began last week when Israeli strike killed a militant

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GAZA CITY

A ceasefire between Israel and Palestinian militants took effect late on Sunday in a bid to end nearly three days of violence that killed dozens of Palestinians and disrupted the lives of hundreds of thousands of Israelis.

The flare-up was the worst fighting between Israel and Gaza militant groups since Israel and Hamas fought an 11-day war last year, and adds to the destruction and misery that have plagued blockaded Gaza for years.

The Egyptian-brokered cease-fire took effect at 11:30 p.m. (2030 GMT). Israeli strikes and militant rockets continued in the minutes leading up to the beginning of the truce, and Israel said it would "respond strongly" if the ceasefire was violated.

Palestinians celebrating after a truce was announced in Gaza City. • REUTERS

Israeli aircraft have pummeled targets in Gaza since Friday, while the Iran-backed Palestinian Jihad militant group has fired hundreds of rockets at Israel in response. The risk of the cross-border fighting turning into a full-fledged war remained as long as no truce was reached. Israel said some of the dead were killed by misfired rockets.

Gaza's ruling Hamas group remained on the sidelines, possibly because it fears Israeli reprisals and undoing economic understandings with Israel that bolster its control.

Israel launched its operation with a strike on Friday on a leader of the Islamic Jihad, and followed up on Saturday with another targeted strike on a second prominent leader. The second Islamic Jihad commander, Khaled Mansour, was killed in an airstrike on an apartment building in southern Gaza late Saturday.

Man gets life sentence for U.S. hate crime

REUTERS
BRUNSWICK

A judge sentenced Travis McMichael to life in prison on Monday for committing federal hate crimes in the 2020 killing of Ahmaud Arbery, a Black man shot while jogging through a mostly White Georgia neighbourhood.

McMichael, his father Gregory McMichael, 66, and their neighbor William "Roddie" Bryan, 52, were convicted in February of the hate crime of violating Arbery's civil rights by attacking him because of his race and of attempted kidnapping. Gregory McMichael and Bryan were scheduled to be sentenced later in the day.

Kremlin accuses Ukraine of shelling atomic power plant

This comes after UN warned of a 'potential nuclear disaster'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

The Kremlin on Monday accused Ukrainian forces of firing on the Zaporizhzhia atomic power plant, warning of potential "catastrophic consequences" for Europe.

"The shelling of the territory of the nuclear plant by the Ukrainian armed forces is a potentially extremely dangerous activity... fraught with catastrophic consequences for a vast area, including the territory of Europe," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

He called on Ukraine's allies "to use their influence to prevent the continuation of such shelling".

Russia's Defence Ministry said on Monday that the Ukrainian Army damaged a high-voltage power line that provides electricity to nearby regions.

The Ministry added that a "power surge" took place at the station, causing smoke in a switchgear, used to protect electrical equipment.

Firefighters at the scene were able to stop the smoke, the Ministry said.

Moscow and Kyiv have blamed each other for strikes on the atomic power plant, where recent fighting sparked a UN atomic agency warning of a potential nuclear disaster.

The White House called on Russia on Monday to cease all military operations around nuclear facilities in Ukraine.

"Fighting near a nuclear plant is dangerous," White House spokeswoman Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters.

Zaporizhzhia – Europe's largest atomic power complex that was occupied by Russia early in its offensive – has in recent days been the scene of military strikes that have damaged several structures, forcing the shutdown of a reactor.

U.S. Senate adopts climate, health Bill

$430-bn plan now heads to House of Representatives

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

After 18 months of arduous negotiations and a marathon night of debate, the U.S. Senate on Sunday passed Joe Biden's ambitious climate, tax and health care plan – a significant victory for the President ahead of crucial midterm elections.

Voting as a unified bloc and with the tie-breaking vote cast by Vice-President Kamala Harris, Democrats approved the $430-billion spending plan, which will go to the House of Representatives next week, where it is expected to pass before being signed into law by Mr. Biden. The plan, crafted in sensitive talks with members on the right wing of his Democratic Party, would include the biggest U.S. investment ever on climate – $370 billion aimed at effecting a 40% drop in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

That would give Mr. Biden a clear victory on one of his top agenda items and go some way toward restoring U.S. leadership in meeting the global climate challenge.

"It required many compromises. Doing important things almost always does. The House should pass this as soon as possible and I look forward to signing it into law," the President said in a statement.

The Bill – officially known as the "Inflation Reduction Act" – passed the Senate with no Republicans voting in favour.

Joe Biden

Conservative lawmakers have criticised the Bill as wasteful spending, with top Republican Senator Mitch McConnell accusing Democrats of voting to "double down on their economic disaster."

The Bill would provide Americans with a tax credit of up to $7,500 when purchasing an electric car, plus a 30% discount when they install solar panels on their roofs.

But the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, a group representing major automakers, on Sunday said that most cars would not meet the Bill's electric vehicle tax credit requirements, calling it a "missed opportunity."

Tax credits

The legislation would also provide millions to help protect and conserve forests – which have been increasingly ravaged in recent years by wildfires.

Billions of dollars in tax credits would also go to some of the country's worst-polluting industries to help their transition to greener methods.

Bridge on fire

A fire engulfs the Wan'an wooden bridge in China's Fujian province. The 98-metre-long structure, with 900 years of history, is the longest of its kind in the country. • AP

Myanmar envoy to China dead

REUTERS
BEIJING

Myanmar's Ambassador to China died suddenly on Sunday in the southwestern Chinese city of Kunming, according to a media report and diplomatic sources in Beijing.

The obituary for Ambassador U Myo Thant Pe by Myanmar's Foreign Ministry in a state newspaper on Monday did not specify his cause of death.

Diplomats in Beijing and a Chinese language Myanmar media report said the cause was likely to be a heart attack.

He was the fourth Ambassador to die in China in the past year.

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Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST), Mohali, invites applications for engagement of Research Associate-I, on contractual basis, funded by SERB POWER Fellowship project entitled "In-situ, biosynthesized magnetic nanoparticles in pathogenic bacteria for health care applications" initially for a period of six months and may be extended upto further period, depending upon the performance of the candidate & availability of the funds. **Last date of receipt of application: 22nd August, 2022. For details, candidate may visit https://inst.ac.in/careers**

RAIL LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL THROUGH E-TENDER
(RFP Notice No. RLDA/RFP/CD-49/SRD-09 of 2022 of Dated 15.07.2022)
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR MAJOR UPGRADATION OF AJNI RAILWAY STATION OF CENTRAL RAILWAY ON ENGINEERING PROCUREMENT & CONSTRUCTION (EPC) MODE

Station	Construction Period	Bid Document Fee	Bid Security	Estimated Cost
Ajni Railway Station	40 Months	Rs. 88,500/- (Inc GST@ 18%)	Rs. 152.25 Lakh	Rs. 301.50 Crore

Online PRE-BID MEETING ON Webex : 17th August, 2022 AT 12:30 HRS.
(Online Pre-bid meeting details to be obtained from Jt. General Manager/Projects-3)
Last Date of Submission of E-bid Online: 27.09.2022 UPTO 15:00 Hrs.
Opening of E-bids Technical: 03.10.2022 at 15:30 Hrs.
For Further details of this project, please visit our website www.rlda.indianrailways.gov.in or on e-procurement portal www.tenderwizard.in/RLDA under the heading 'e-tender'
For any clarifications, may please contact:-

Jt. General Manager/Projects-3 M 99688 75459	Chief Project Manager/ Nagpur M: 97663 41041	Manager/Marketing M: 98104 41148	For e-bid queries- Mr. Suraj Singh M: 95990 53865
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Note:- Any Corrigendum or Addendum shall be published only on RLDA's Website
AM/Tender. (M) 87565 54011

Government of Karnataka
Department of Mines & Geology
#49, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bangalore-560001 E-mail: dir-mines@karnataka.gov.in

No. DMG- 17012/22/2021/2022-23 **Date: 08.08.2022**
C. No. 652857

NOTIFICATION AND NOTICE INVITING TENDER
"Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for Limestone Block"

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10(B) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 and the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 and amendments notified thereunder, the Government of Karnataka is conducting auction of mining lease for the following limestone block.

S. No.	Name of the block	Mineral	Concession Area (in Ha.)	Estimated resources (in MMT)
1.	**Udagi Limestone Block**	**Limestone**	**646.34**	**459.41**

Any person, firm or company who satisfies the eligibility criteria can participate in the auction. Technical and financial bids for the above listed block are invited online. Apart from the online Technical Bids, bidders will have to submit duly executed original physical copies of their Technical Bids to the Tender Inviting Authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka.

Eligibility conditions, terms and conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Tender Documents, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process shall be available in electronic form only at the website of MSTC Ltd (**http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp**).

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves at the above website. On successful registration, bidders will obtain login ID and password, which are necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and summary of the block shall be available free of cost at the website of MSTC Limited (**http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp**). For participating in the bidding process, the registered bidders will have to purchase the block specific tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd by paying **Rs 5,00,000/-** (Rs. Five Lakhs Only) + GST.

The sale of tender document shall commence from **10 August 2022**. Last date for sale of tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd is **12 September 2022**. Last date for submission of Technical Bids plus the Initial Price Offers at the website of MSTC Ltd is **17:00 hours IST on 19 September 2022**. Physical copies of the Technical Bids must reach the Tender Inviting Authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka on or prior to 17:00 hours IST on **19 September 2022**.

DIPR/CP/1720/Zenkar/2022-23

Sd/-
Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **SRI. M.S NAGENDRA SRINIVAS** S/o Late Sri Shankaraiah, aged about 41 years, Flat No.92, 6th Main Road, Jabbar Block, Palace Guttahalli, Bengaluru-560003, has lost the Original Allotment Letter issued by Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board and Sale Deed Dated 16/12/1983 bearing Registration No. 2717/1983-84, Book No.1, Volume No.3060, page No.85-88 registered in the office of Sub-Registrar Gandhinagar, Bangalore City. But in spite of best effort made by him, he could not trace out the same. In this regard he lodged a complaint before Commissioner of police through E-Lost No. 0288504/2022 on 08-08-2022. The said documents are belongs to Property bearing in old site No.92, New Khatha No.02, PID No.89-62-2., situated at **6th Main Road, Jabbar Block, Palace Guttahalli, Bengaluru- 560003**, in Ward No.64, measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 25 feet. My client further instruct that, he is the absolute owner of the said property and if anybody found the above documents or in illegal possession of the same, my client is not responsible, and may be handover the same to the above address and bounded as follows:

East by - Site No.91
West by - Site No.93
North by - Site No.69
South by - Road.

Ullas M. Advocate, #51, 4th 'B' Main, Chandana Layout, Sri Gandhada Kaval, Bangalore-91.

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXVII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH 38)
P & SC.No. 97 /2021

BETWEEN : 1. Mrs. Rukma Bai, W/o Vittal Kamath S, D/o L. Ramachandra Rao, Aged about: 88 years, Residing at Kerigadda, Krishnarajpet, Mandya, Karnataka – 571 446. **2. Mr. Nagendra R,** S/o Ramachandra Rao, Aged about 62 years, Residing at No. 28, Near Maheshwari Temple, Mahadevapura, Bangalore-48. **3. Mrs. Sandhya Kamath M.K,** W/o Keshava Kamath M.P., D/o. Ramachandra Rao, Aged about 53 years, Residing at No. 168/1, Netaji Layout, 1st Block, Gonikoppal, Virajpet Taluk. – 571 213. **4. Mr.R.Rajaram,** S/o Ramachandra Rao, Aged about 58 years, Residing at No. 28, Near Maheshwari Temple, Mahadevapura, Bangalore-48. ...Petitioners

AND-NIL- ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioners have made application to the Court for the grant of Succession Certificate under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 in favor of 4th petitioner in respect of the Schedule Property left behind by **Mrs. Seethabhai (mother of petitioners), who died on 20/01/2017 and Ms. Arundhati (elder sister of petitioners) who died on 11/06/2016.** Interested persons are hereby called upon to appear in this Court in person or by a duly instructed counsel on **25/08/2022 at 11.00 Clock** in forenoon to show the cause against the application failing which the above said application may be heard and determined ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that money (including deposit and interests thereon), standing in joint saving bank account bearing A/c No.21894110971 bearing CIF No. 172645766 opened at Post Office Savings Bank, KR Circle Branch, Mysore, jointly belonging to Mrs. Seethabhai and Ms. Arundhati.

Given under my hand and seal on this **09-06-2022.**

By order of the court, Assistant Registrar City Civil Court, Bangalore.

PRAVEEN KAMATH, Advocate, No. 151, 1st Main Road, M.L.A.Layout, R.T.Nagar, B'lore - 32.

Chad's junta, rebel groups sign truce deal

ASSOCIATED PRESS
DUBAI

Chad's military government and 42 rebel groups on Monday signed a pledge in Qatar ahead of planned national reconciliation talks in the Chadian capital of N'Djamena on August 20, though the deal did not include the country's main opposition group.

Chad's junta also agreed to "not take any military or police operations against the signing groups" in the neighbouring countries.

However, the main rebel group in the country, the Front for Change and Concord in Chad, did not sign the pledge. The group is blamed for the 2021 killing of Chad's former President Idriss Deby Itno.

Rebels have called for Deby's son Mahamat Idriss Deby's exclusion in any coming elections, though the junta has insisted that can only be decided in the national dialogue.

EU releases 'final text' after Iran nuclear talks

U.S., Iran governments to take final call

ASSOCIATED PRESS
VIENNA

Talks to revive Tehran's tattered nuclear accord with world powers in Vienna ended on Monday as the parties closed a final text and key negotiators prepared to consult with their capitals, diplomats said.

After 16 months of torturous on-and-off indirect negotiations to restore the deal, the European Union's foreign affairs chief Josep Borrell suggested there was no more room for negotiation on the draft now on the table.

A final decision on whether the most significant non-proliferation pact in the last quarter century can be restored rests with the Iranian and American governments, he signalled. The 2015 nuclear deal granted Iran sanctions relief in exchange for tight curbs on its atomic program.

"What can be negotiated has been negotiated, and it's now in a final text," Mr. Borrell wrote on Twitter. "However, behind every technical issue and every paragraph lies a political decision that needs to be taken in the capitals."

Key challenges to closing the deal remain. European officials over the weekend urged Iran to drop its "unrealistic demands" outside the scope of the original agreement, including over an International Atomic Energy Agency probe into undeclared nuclear material found in the country.

Iran's chief negotiator, Ali Bagheri Kani, will shortly fly back to Tehran for political consultations, Iran's state-run IRNA news agency said.

The U.S., which abandoned the original deal four years ago under former President Donald Trump, described the tabled draft as "the best and only basis on which to reach a deal."

Afghan blast kills top TTP commander

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD

A top commander of the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), Omar Khalid Khorasani, and three other militants were killed in a mysterious blast in eastern Afghanistan's Paktika province, a Pakistani media report said on Monday.

A vehicle carrying senior militants, including Khorasani, was on Sunday targeted with a mysterious explosive device, according to Afghan officials, *The Express Tribune* reported.

They were travelling in the Birmal district for a meeting when their vehicle hit a roadside mine, the report said.

Khorasani carried a bounty of ₹10 million on his head.

TTP intelligence chief Abdul Rashid was also killed in a similar blast in Kunar province on Sunday, as per Afghan sources.

MARKET WATCH

	08-08-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	58,853	0.80
US Dollar	79.63	-0.49
Gold	52,490	1.37
Brent oil	96.53	–

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	801.65	-8.60
Apollo Hosp	4427.35	53.25
Asian Paints	3458.45	-15.45
Axis Bank	745.55	17.05
Bajaj Auto	4022.65	9.55
Bajaj Finserv	15530.65	444.80
Bajaj Finance	7342.20	37.50
Bharti Airtel	704.35	0.70
BPCL	325.65	-10.75
Britannia Ind	3631.40	-56.70
Cipla	1029.55	-4.65
Coal India	215.40	6.95
Divis Lab	3937.60	25.40
Dr Reddys Lab	4223.35	66.50
Eicher Motors	3116.75	27.35
Grasim Ind	1598.65	0.35
HCL Tech	966.05	8.30
HDFC	2393.70	38.50
HDFC Bank	1462.05	35.00
HDFC Life	536.75	-2.50
Hero MotoCorp	2738.05	-32.65
Hindalco	421.40	10.60
Hind Unilever	2650.35	4.95
ICICI Bank	836.95	-1.25
Indusind Bank	1050.20	13.90
Infosys	1619.40	2.75
ITC	313.15	2.30
JSW Steel	669.20	2.05
Kotak Bank	1844.50	10.60
L&T	1829.65	42.20
M&M	1276.70	40.80
Maruti Suzuki	8921.95	80.75
Nestle India Ltd.	19652.95	-268.55
NTPC	159.40	3.80
ONGC	136.50	0.00
PowerGrid Corp	221.90	-1.75
Reliance Ind	2567.15	31.15
SBI Life	1269.90	3.25
State Bank	520.40	-10.65
Shree Cement	21195.60	-41.80
Sun Pharma	910.40	-5.55
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	788.70	3.90
Tata Motors	468.25	3.00
Tata Steel	107.20	-0.15
TCS	3374.45	9.40
Tech Mahindra	1056.60	-1.60
Titan	2446.95	14.15
UltraTech Cement	6677.85	-97.35
UPL	749.15	5.70
Wipro	435.85	-4.15

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 08

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.46	79.78
Euro	80.97	81.30
British Pound	96.13	96.53
Japanese Yen (100)	58.94	59.18
Chinese Yuan	11.75	11.80
Swiss Franc	82.99	83.32
Singapore Dollar	57.64	57.88
Canadian Dollar	61.58	61.83
Malaysian Ringitt	17.82	17.90
Australian Dollar	55.39	55.62

Source:Indian Bank

IOB raises deposit rates

CHENNAI

IOB has raised interest rates on medium and long-term deposits by 10 basis points to 5.7% for tenors of 3 years and above, and 5.6% for 444 days. The new rates would be effective from August 10.

Bharti Airtel Q1 net rises 5-fold as new users, data spur revenue

Telecom firm's average revenue per user grows to ₹183 from ₹146

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Telecom operator Bharti Airtel on Monday reported a more than fivefold rise in consolidated profit to ₹1,607 crore for the first quarter ended June 30 compared with ₹283.5 crore a year earlier.

Revenue from operations increased by about 22% to ₹32,805 crore, boosted by 4G subscriber additions and higher data consumption.

Bharti Airtel's mobile services revenue in India grew 27% to ₹18,220 crore for the first quarter.

Average revenue per user (ARPU) – a key performance indicator in the telecom industry – came in at ₹183 for the quarter, up from ₹146 from a year earlier. ARPU of rivals Reliance Jio and Vodafone Idea for the same period was ₹175.7 and ₹128, respectively.

Growing data use: Bharti's mobile data use surged 16.6%, as usage per data customer stood at 19.5 GB / month. •REUTERS

Bharti Airtel said mobile data consumption surged by 16.6% from a year earlier, with consumption per mobile data customer at 19.5 GB per month.

'ARPU must reach ₹300'

The company had said in November, when it announced tariff increases, that mobile ARPU needed to be at ₹200 and ultimately at ₹300, for a financially healthy business model.

Raising funds

The company has been raising money to fund its digital ambitions, including developing home broadband, data centres and cloud adoption as it prepares to introduce 5G services in the country.

The firm had last week won 5G spectrum worth about ₹44,000 crore in the auction. The government aims to begin the roll-out of 5G – which it says can provide data speeds about 10 times faster than 4G – by October this year.

(With Reuters inputs)

Rupee slides 39 paise on dollar demand

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

The rupee depreciated by 39 paise to close at 79.63 against the U.S. currency on Monday, pressured by dollar demand and waning risk appetite among investors.

Lower crude oil prices and a rally in domestic equities restricted the losses to some extent, forex dealers said.

"The rupee started the new week on the weaker side after impressive U.S. July jobs figures on Friday augured well for the dollar. After the past few days' of high volatility, it has been a lacklustre trade ahead of Tuesday's holiday," said Dilip Parmar, research analyst, HDFC Securities.

'Infra worth ₹1.62 lakh cr. to be monetised in FY23'

₹97,000 cr. realised last year: Minister

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Infrastructure assets worth more than ₹1.62 lakh crore are expected to be monetised during the current fiscal, Parliament was informed on Monday.

The Centre had last year announced a ₹6 lakh-crore National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) to unlock value in infrastructure assets across sectors such as power to road and railways in four years till 2025.

In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said about ₹97,000 crore worth of public assets were monetised in FY22.

Key transactions include highway toll-operate-transfer-based PPP concessions, NHAI's Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT), PowerGrid InvIT, annual accruals from mineral and coal blocks auctioned in FY22 and receipts from six airports leased on PPP mode.

"Indicative value of assets envisaged to be monetised under NMP during FY22-23 is ₹1,62,422 crore," he said.

The indicative value refers to the value expected to be realised via the monetisation process, either in the form of accruals or by way of private sector investment.

IHCL turns Q1 net profit of ₹170 crore

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Indian Hotels Company Ltd. (IHCL), the hospitality company of the Tata Group, reported first-quarter consolidated net profit stood at ₹170 crore.

The company had reported a net loss of ₹277 crore a year earlier.

Revenue more than trebled to ₹1,293 crore, the company said.

"IHCL has reported its best first quarter in the company's history," MD and CEO Puneet Chhatwal said in a statement.

"This performance has been boosted by a surge in demand across markets and segments, with both occupancy and rates exceeding pre-COVID levels."

Sundaram Finance Q1 net rises 18% to ₹226 cr.

Disbursements double to ₹4,895 cr.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Non-banking finance company Sundaram Finance Ltd.'s standalone net profit for the first quarter rose 18% to ₹226 crore.

Disbursements more than doubled to ₹4,895 crore. Total revenue from operations dipped by close to 2% to ₹935 crore. Capital adequacy stood at 24.1%, the NBFC said.

"We have re-established our pre-pandemic growth trajectory with the highest-ever first-quarter disbursements," said Harsha Viji, executive vice-chairman.

"Overall economic activity continues to improve across all segments despite inflationary concerns and related interest rate hikes."

Harsha Viji

Assets under management rose to ₹30,552 crore (₹29,823 crore). Gross and net non-performing assets stood at 2.66% and 1.41% against 4.59% and 3.38%, respectively.

"The first quarter is off to a strong start," added Rajiv C. Lochan, MD.

'RIL invested ₹30,000 cr. in retail in FY22'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) invested ₹30,000 crore (about $3.76 billion) in its retail business and added 2,500 stores, taking the total store count to 15,196 in FY22.

Besides, Reliance Retail added 11.1 million sq. ft of warehousing space in the year, almost doubling the space to 22.7 million sq. ft, RIL said in the annual report for FY22. In FY22, Reliance Retail added over 1.50 lakh jobs, taking headcount to 3.61 lakh. RIL said Reliance Retail had built "capabilities through organic growth, acquisitions and strategic partnerships with investments near ₹30,000 crore" in FY22.

CUB Q1 net climbs 30% to ₹225 cr. as NPAs drop

Net interest income rises 17% to ₹525 cr.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

City Union Bank Ltd. (CUB) reported a 30% rise in standalone net profit for the first quarter to ₹225 crore following reduction in NPAs, better credit offtake and a steady net interest margin.

Net interest income climbed 17% to ₹525 crore, while net interest margin grew to 3.95% from 3.86%.

Income increases 11%

Total income rose 11% to ₹1,317 crore, interest income grew by 10% to ₹1,099 crore and non-interest income by 12% to ₹218 crore, the lender said in a statement.

Gross non-performing assets (GNPA) slid to 4.65% from 5.59% and net NPAs to 2.89% from 3.49%.

Provisions towards bad and doubtful debts contracted to ₹140 crore against ₹233 crore. The provision coverage ratio was marginally up at 64%.

The lender's total deposits increased by 9% to ₹48,772 crore and advances by 12% to ₹40,394 crore.

CASA climbed 25% to ₹15,387 crore, representing 32% of the total deposits.

Bull Machines eyes doubling production

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
COIMBATORE

Coimbatore-based Bull Machines, a leader in loaders and backhoes, is looking at doubling monthly production to 400 vehicles.

Bull Machines used to produced 150 vehicles a month and would now take it to 200 with the introduction of Super Smart backhoe loaders on Monday, V. Parthiban, MD, said.

The plant would reach the full production capacity of 400 vehicles a month next year, he added.

The firm that also makes tractor attachments, construction and light equipment, is aiming to achieve more than ₹500 crore in revenue this year against ₹400 crore in 2021-2022.

SPORT

LIVE TELECAST

KSCA Maharaja T20: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Chess Olympiad: FIDE & Chessbase India Youtube channels, 3 p.m. onwards
Ireland vs Afghanistan: 1st T20I, FanCode, 8 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Jayasuriya and Lamb win ICC award for July

DUBAI

Sri Lanka spinner Prabath Jayasuriya and England women's emerging all-rounder Emma Lamb were on Monday voted ICC Player-of-the-Month for July. Jayasuriya picked up 12 Test wickets against Australia and another 17 wickets against Pakistan. Lamb amassed 234 runs in three ODIs against South Africa, a 102 (97b), 67 (65b) and 65 (66b). India's Renuka Singh was also in the reckoning for the July award. PTI

Kyrgios, Samsonova are champs at Washington

WASHINGTON

Australia's Nick Kyrgios won his seventh ATP title and first in three years defeating Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka 6-4, 6-3 at the Washington Open on Sunday. In the women's final, Russian Liudmila Samsonova won her second career WTA title beating Estonia's Kaia Kanepi 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. AFP

No Plate team in Ranji Trophy knockouts

Duleep Trophy and Irani Cup set to make a return to domestic calendar

CRICKET

AMOL KARHADKAR
MUMBAI

For the first time in 15 seasons, the Ranji Trophy will have separate Elite and Plate league final, with the Board of Control for Cricket in India announcing a full-fledged domestic season on Monday.

The Ranji Trophy Elite League will see 32 teams divided into four groups of eight teams each while the Plate League will see six recently-added teams. Top two teams from each of the Elite groups will qualify for the quarterfinals. The Plate League will decide its own champion with the knockouts.

The arrangement will ensure that the quality of Ranji knockouts will not be diluted, as it was for the last few seasons with the policy of including a Plate team in it.

The other two senior men's tournaments – Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (T20) and Vijay Hazare Trophy (one-day) – will be played in the same format as the last year. It will have the 38 participating teams divided into five groups.

The BCCI has reintroduced the Duleep Trophy and the Irani Cup in its calendar. Duleep Trophy will return to its conventional inter-zonal avatar, with the addition of North East Zone as the sixth team. It will be played on a knockout basis from Sept. 8 to 25 to kick off the season. Irani Cup will see Ranji champion Madhya Pradesh pitted against Rest of India from Oct. 1 to 5.

With an eye on next year's inaugural Under-19 women's World Cup, the BCCI has introduced the women's Under-19 T20 Trophy and Challenger Trophy tournaments.

The senior women's season is set to be wrapped just before the ODI World Cup begins in South Africa in February next year.

The tournament dates:

Ranji Trophy: Dec. 13 to Feb. 20, 2023.

Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy: Oct. 11 to Nov. 5; **Vijay Hazare Trophy:** Nov. 12 to Dec. 2.

Duleep Trophy: Sept. 8 to 25; **Irani Cup:** Oct. 1 to 5.

Senior women's T20 Trophy: Oct. 11 to Nov. 5; **Senior women's inter-zonal T20 Trophy:** Nov. 8 to 15; **Senior women's T20 Challenger Trophy:** Nov. 20 to 26; **Senior women's one-day Trophy:** Jan. 18 to Feb. 7, 2023; **Senior women's inter-zonal one-day Trophy:** Feb. 12 to 21, 2023.

Ranji Trophy Groups: Elite: League A: Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Baroda, Odisha, and Nagaland.

League B: Mumbai, Saurashtra, Hyderabad, Andhra, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, and Assam.

League C: Karnataka, Kerala, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Services, Rajasthan, Goa, and Pondicherry.

League D: Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Railways, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Chandigarh, and Tripura.

Plate League: Meghalaya, Manipur, Sikkim, Arunachal, Bihar, and Mizoram.

The coveted Ranji Trophy. •FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Lagos claims main event

HYDERABAD: Trainer D. Netto's Lagos (Suraj Narredu up) claimed the Mica Emperor Plate, the chief event of Monday's (Aug. 8) races. The winner is owned by Mr. S. Pathy & Mr. B.E. Vasanth Kumar.

1. BAKHTAWAR PLATE (1,600m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II): **SPEAKING OF LOVE** (Akshay Kumar) 1, White Roses (P.S. Chouhan) 2, Hero Of The East (Abhay Singh) 3 and Voice Of A Dream (Ajeeth Kumar) 4. 5-1/2, 4-1/4 and 3-3/4. 1m, 41.59s. ₹19 (w), 11, 13 and 26 (p). SHP: 33, THP: 63, SHW: 12 and 15, FP: 49, Q: 21, Tanala: 266. Favourite: Speaking Of Love. Owner: Miss Ameeta Mehra. Trainer: L. D'Silva.

2. BHUPALPALLY PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **EXOTIC DANCER** (Suraj Narredu) 1, Above The Law (Md. Ismail) 2, Laurus (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Siyavash (Abhay Singh) 4. Not run: Bedford. 3-1/4, Nk and 3-3/4. 1m, 15.48s. ₹18 (w), 10, 17 and 13 (p). SHP: 56, THP: 44, SHW: 12 and 21, FP: 91, Q: 64, Tanala: 254. Favourite: Exotic Dancer. Owners: Mr. Prakash Babu & Mr. Donald Anthony Netto. Trainer: D. Netto.

3. SHAMIRPET CUP (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **NUGGET** (P.S. Chouhan) 1, The Akhanda (Abhay Singh) 2, Exclusive Luck (Md. Ismail) 3 and Archangels (A.A. Vikrant) 4. 1-1/2, 1-1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m, 30.18s. ₹28 (w), 13, 12 and 33 (p). SHP: 37, THP: 98, SHW: 16 and 12, FP: 64, Q: 26, Tanala: 514. Favourite: The Akhanda. Owners: Mr. Puttamreddy Prathap Reddy & Mr. Soma Raju Adipudi. Trainer: L.V.R. Deshmukh.

4. BHUPALPALLY PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **MALAALA** (Mukesh Kumar) 1, Ok Boss (Akshay Kumar) 2, Visionary (P.S. Chouhan) 3 and Top Diamond (Santosh Raj) 4. 2, 2-1/4 and 2. 1m, 15.51s. ₹18 (w), 13, 13 and 14 (p). SHP: 30, THP: 40, SHW: 12 and 18, FP: 46, Q: 34, Tanala: 75. Favourite: Malaala. Owners: Mr. N. Adil Mirza, Ms. Nimraj Mirza Shakeebai & Mr. Mohd. Sohrab Mirza. Trainer: Laxman Singh.

5. B. MARIDESHWARA RAO MEMORIAL CUP (1,800m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **FIRE POWER** (P.S. Chouhan) 1, Ashwa Raudee (Mukesh Kumar) 2, True Icon (Gaurav Singh) 3 and Akido (Kuldeep Singh) 4. 3/4, Sh and Hd. 1m, 57.45s. ₹26 (w), 11, 11 and 15 (p). SHP: 30, THP: 38, SHW: 11 and 18, FP: 80, Q: 37, Tanala: 178. Favourite: Fire Power. Owners: Col. S.B. Nair & Miss. Ameeta Mehra. Trainer: L.V.R. Deshmukh.

6. MICA EMPEROR PLATE (1,200m), rated 80 and above (Cat. I): **LAGOS** (Suraj Narredu) 1, Scramjet (P. Sai Kumar) 2, Premier Action (Afroz Khan) 3 and Top Secret (D.S. Deora) 4. 2-1/4, 5-1/4 and 1-1/4. 1m, 13.60s. ₹16 (w), 12, 10 and 30 (p). SHP: 28, THP: 81, SHW: 11 and 13, FP: 39, Q: 23, Tanala: 273. Favourite: Lagos. Owners: Mr. S. Pathy & Mr. B.E. Vasanth Kumar. Trainer: D. Netto.

7. BROWN JACK PLATE (DIV. I) (1,400m), 4-y-o & upward, rated upto 25 (Cat. III): **AIZA** (Aneel) 1, Amalfitana (P.S. Chouhan) 2, Tales Of A Legend (P. Sai Kumar) 3 and Arba Wahed Arba (Ajeeth Kumar) 4. Nk, 2 and 7. 1m, 32.05s. ₹134 (w), 27, 14 and 35 (p). SHP: 29, THP: 72, SHW: 62 and 25, FP: 613, Q: 271, Tanala: 4,922. Favourite: Challenger. Owner: Mr. Syed Mohiuddin Mufeed. Trainer: S. Sreekant.

Jackpot: 70%: ₹8,465 (70 tkts.) and 30%: 141 (1,795 tkts.).

Mini Jackpot: (i) 300 (236 tkts.), (ii) 1,810 (53 tkts.).

Treble: (i) 114 (397 tkts.), (ii) 1,121 (61 tkts.).

India will miss the services of injured Bumrah

Kohli and Rahul back in the squad; Rohit-led team will look to fine-tune combination

ASIA CUP

SPORTS REPORTER
CHENNAI

India will miss the services of pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah for the Asia Cup T20 tournament to be held from August 28 to September 11 in the UAE while Virat Kohli and K.L. Rahul returned to the squad for the six-nation tournament which was announced on Monday.

After series wins in the recent bilateral T20 series against England and West Indies, the 15-member squad led by Rohit Sharma will look to use the Asia Cup to fine-tune its combination ahead of the ICC T20 World Cup to be played in Australia later this year.

Pacer Harshal Patel was also not considered for selection due to a rib injury and is undergoing rehab.

Bumrah. •GETTY IMAGES

Adding teeth: Rahul's return will be a big boost. •FILE PHOTO

The tournament will be important for the likes of Kohli and Rahul to get amongst the runs before the T20 World Cup.

While Kohli, who is going through a lean patch, took a break from the tour to West Indies, Rahul did not travel to England due to injury and later missed the West Indies series after testing positive for COVID-19.

India is drawn in Group-A alongside Pakistan and a qualifier team, while Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan are in Group B.

Each team will play the other once in the group stage with the top two teams from each group advancing to the Super-4 round. The top two teams from the Super-4 will qualify for the final.

India, which has won the Asia Cup seven times, is the defending champion though the last edition was played in the ODI format in September 2018 in UAE.

The squad: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant, Dinesh Karthik, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Ravi Bishnoi, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Arshdeep Singh and Avesh Khan

Standbys: Shreyas Iyer, Axar Patel and Deepak Chahar.

Haaland lifts off in City win

EURO LEAGUES

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Erling Haaland scored twice on his Premier League debut as Manchester City opened its defence of the title with a 2-0 win at West Ham on Sunday.

Haaland lived up to the hype since his transfer from Borussia Dortmund to give the champion a perfect start to the season in the searing heat of East London.

West Ham nearly derailed City's title chances when it led 2-0 at half-time in the penultimate game of last season before Pep Guardiola's men battled back for the point that ultimately edged out Liverpool at the top of the table.

The results:

Premier League: West Ham 0 lost to Manchester City 2 (Haaland 36-pen, 65).

Bundesliga: VfB Stuttgart 1 (Ahamada 31) drew with RB Leipzig 1 (Nkunku 8); FC Cologne 3 (Kilian 49, Kainz 62, Ljubicic 80) bt Schalke 04 1 (Bulter 76).

Evergreen Sharath Kamal signs off in a golden blaze

The 40-year-old pips Pitchford in an exciting final, wins third gold at Birmingham; Sathiyan adds bronze to his gold and silver

AMOL KARHADKAR

Achanta Sharath Kamal regained the Commonwealth Games table tennis men's singles gold after 16 long years, defeating England's Liam Pitchford.

Riding his trademark brand of aggressive table tennis, Sharath overcame his old nemesis 11-13, 11-7, 11-2, 11-6, 11-8 in an exhilarating final to end what has been an ideal campaign for himself and the Indian men's contingent.

Moments before the 40-year-old Sharath took the show court, G. Sathiyan had ensured that for the first time India would have two paddlers on the podium in a singles event at the Games. Sharath's stunning show meant he stood atop the podium for the third time in Birmingham.

Despite losing the opening game in a tie-break, never once did Sharath appear to be losing control of the match. Besides leaving Pitchford flummoxed with his variation of serves, Sharath also ensured he used the width of the table much better.

But with Sharath up 2-1 and having run up a healthy lead in the fourth, a three-point streak with some powerful winners saw Pitchford closing the gap. A timely time-out at 6-5 meant Sharath returned with a change in tactic and closed the game out.

At 3-1, the writing was on the wall and Sharath scripted history in style, converting his second match-point to sprint to the gallery and give his younger brother Rajath a huge hug. Besides being his personal coach and performance analyst, Rajath – a former international paddler – also doubles up as Sharath's sparring partner whenever required.

On a roll: Sharath proved that age was a mere number with his gold-winning spree which included the men's singles title on Monday. Sathiyan won a thrilling bronze medal playoff to increase India's tally. •REUTERS

Having bagged the men's team championship gold last week and mixed doubles gold partnering Sreeja Akula on Sunday night, Sharath became the first Indian paddler to win three golds at a CWG edition. Sharath thus surpassed the previous record of two golds he (2006) and Manika Batra (2018) shared.

Earlier, Sathiyan overcame Paul Drinkhall in a nail-biting bronze medal playoff to win his maiden singles Commonwealth Games medal. Sathiyan thus ended the tournament with the men's team gold, doubles silver and singles bronze. India's paddlers ended with seven medals, including a gold and a bronze by Bhavina Patel and Sonalben Patel in para-table tennis.

INDIANS' JOURNEY

Athletics (final): Men: Javelin: 5. D.P. Manu, 6. Rohit Yadav; 4x400m relay: Sixth.

Badminton: Women: Singles (gold medal match): P.V. Sindhu bt Michelle Li (Can) 2-0. Doubles (bronze medal match): Treesa/Gayatri bt Chen/Somerville (Aus) 2-0.

Men: Singles (gold medal match): Lakshya Sen bt Tze Yong Ng (Mas) 2-1; Doubles (gold medal match): Satwiksairaj/Chirag bt Lane/Vendy (Eng) 2-0.

Boxing: Final: Men: Super heavyweight: Sagar lost to Delicious Orie (Eng), bags silver.

Hockey: Men (gold medal match): lost to Australia 0-7.

Table tennis: Men: Gold medal match: Sharath Kamal bt Liam Pitchford (Eng) 4-1; Bronze medal match: Sathiyan bt Paul Drinkhall (Eng) 4-3.

Final standings

Country	G	S	B	T
Australia	67	57	54	178
England	57	66	53	176
Canada	26	32	34	92
India	**22**	**16**	**23**	**61**
New Zealand	20	12	17	49

Golden glory for Sindhu, Lakshya and Satwiksairaj-Chirag

Indian shuttlers emerge on top in three finals during the day to finish with three gold, one silver and two bronze

SANTADEEP DEY
BIRMINGHAM

Former world champion P.V. Sindhu fought through injury to valiantly take down Canada's Michelle Li 21-15, 21-13 in the women's singles gold medal match of the Commonwealth Games at the National Exhibition Centre.

Buoyed by Sindhu's success, Lakshya Sen came from a game down to end the giant-killing run of Malaysia's Ng Tze Yong and win the men's singles gold with a 19-21, 21-9, 21-16 scoreline.

Glittering display: While Sindhu cruised home in style, Lakshya battled back from a deficit to finish on a high. Chirag and Satwiksairaj made it a third gold with a clinical show. •GETTY IMAGES

Powerful drops

Sindhu's powerful backhand drops proved to be a bit too much for Li, who had last beaten the World No. 7 in the 2014 CWG semifinals in Glasgow before losing six on the spin.

"Even though I beat Michelle a number of times, it was very important for me to be prepared from the first point. You never know how it is on the day.

"It feels nice because it was a much-awaited win. Coming into the final, you can't just settle for any medal. You would always want to go back with the gold," Sindhu said after winning her first-ever CWG gold medal in women's singles. She won silver in 2018 and bronze in 2014.

Li did look to take advantage of Sindhu's heavily taped Achilles tendon as she sent the shuttle to all corners of the court. However, Sindhu's tall frame ensured she faced little trouble in dealing with them.

Sindhu may have been a tad slower than her normal self since the semifinal, but that didn't stop her from sending in a thundering smash through the line to take a 7-6 lead in the first game.

Although Li crept her way to level the scores on several occasions, Sindhu kept outwitting her. She took the first game comfortably at 21-15.

In the second game, Sindhu pipped Li to a 3-2 lead with a stunning smash from the backline. Li tactfully tried to take advantage of Sindhu's restricted movement by using a body smash, but the two-time Olympic medal winner sharply moved away to angle the shuttle into the corner.

Leading 11-6 at the one-minute mid-game interval, Sindhu had to concede a lung-bursting 57-shot rally, which woke the Canadian fans from their slumber.

"There were long rallies, but I did not leave it. She was coming closer, but I fought," Sindhu said.

With seven championship points, Sindhu closed the game at 21-13.

As Sindhu heads back home with yet another international medal, she said: "Definitely it's going to go in my room with all the other medals. Each medal is associated with a different memory. It's time to go back, relax a bit and prepare for the Worlds."

Later, India's star men's doubles pair of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy won the gold with a 21-15, 21-13 win over England's Ben Lane and Sean Vendy to add further sheen to the country's badminton campaign in Birmingham.

A fantastic run saw the Indian shuttlers win three gold, one silver and two bronze medals.

Australia tramples all over India on way to gold

The Indians cut a sorry figure letting in seven without reply

In shambles: Flynn Ogilvie, centre, leaves the Indian defence in disarray. •AP

SANTADEEP DEY
BIRMINGHAM

The Indian men's hockey team was blown away like a tin roof in a hurricane as Australia continued its dominant show at the 2022 Commonwealth Games with a 7-0 win in the final at the University of Birmingham.

The Kookaburras have won the gold in every edition since hockey was introduced in Kuala Lumpur 1998.

Forward Jacob Anderson's brace in a lopsided first half saw him get on the scoresheet alongside Nathan Ephraums, Blake Govers and Tom Wickham.

P.R. Sreejesh was up to the task as Australia earned an eighth-minute penalty corner. However, Govers opened the scoring in the 13th minute.

India received a big blow when skipper Manpreet Singh had to briefly leave the field after an accidental high elbow from Australia captain Aran Zalewski.

Australia scored again as Wickham got the softest of touches on Brand's shot. With three minutes left on the clock in the second quarter, Anderson got on a forward run to strike home.

In the 42nd minute, midfielder Flynn Ogilvie found a diving Ephraums who beat Sreejesh. Australia scored the seventh goal through Ogilvie in the 46th. India's misery was complete.

New talent steps up at Games

Old hands engineer a revival; a few big names below par

Y.B. SARANGI

The emergence of new talents, the revival of experienced hands and the below-par finish of a few big names summed up the Indian boxers' showing at the Commonwealth Games.

India, which slipped a bit to collect seven medals (including three golds) in comparison to the nine it had four years ago, retained its second place. Northern Ireland, which also had seven medals but five golds, took the top spot.

Among women, two-time World youth champion Nitu Ghanghas (48kg) gave a good account of her boxing skills to secure her first major title. Nikhat Zareen, the World champion in 52kg, boxed with a lot of confidence to win her maiden Commonwealth Games gold in 50kg and put herself on track to achieve greater glory.

While the promising Jaismine Lamboria (60kg) bagged a bronze, Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain's (70kg) exit in the quarterfinals shocked everyone. "Nitu and Nikhat's performances against quality opponents were laudable.

All smiles: Nitu proudly displays her women's over 45-48kg gold medal. •PTI

Jaismine's showing was satisfactory. Lovlina returning without a medal was disheartening," National women's team head coach Bhaskar Bhatt told *The Hindu*.

The revival of two male boxers – Worlds silver medallist Amit Panghal (51kg) and Mohammad Hussamuddin (57kg) – was heartwarming.

Amit, who went through a low phase after the reverse at the Tokyo Olympics, fought back with renewed vigour to claim his first gold after the silver in Gold Coast.

"We went back to the basics and motivated Amit," said Amit's personal coach Anil Dhankar.

Hussamuddin made light of a left thumb injury to take his second consecutive bronze at the Games.

Super heavyweight boxer Sagar Ahlawat, who landed a silver on international debut, was the surprise package. "Sagar could have won the gold had he not picked up an injury. The silver should make him hungry for bigger success," said Hitesh Deswal, Ahlawat's early coach.

Underachiever Rohit Tokas (67kg) got a bronze medal to boost his confidence, while Worlds and Asian medallist Shiva Thapa (63.5kg) lost in the pre-quarterfinals.

Manu finishes fifth, Rohit sixth in javelin

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BIRMINGHAM

In the men's javelin throw, India returned empty-handed in the absence of Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra, who had pulled out due to injury.

D.P. Manu and Rohit Yadav finished fifth and sixth with best efforts of 82.28m and 82.22m.

Nadeem's sensational 90.18m throw

Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem won the gold with a sensational fifth round throw of 90.18m, which was also a Games record, beating world champion Anderson Peters (88.64m), who settled for silver.

Nadeem became the second Asian and 23rd in the world to have thrown the javelin past 90m.

Chinese Taipei's Chao-Tsun Cheng was the first Asian to achieve the feat with a throw of 91.36m in 2017.

Harmanpreet rues repeated mistakes

Team working on arresting collapses in big matches, says the skipper

Silver lining: Though Harmanpreet's side fell agonisingly short in the final, they produced a heart-warming display. •PTI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BIRMINGHAM

Heartbroken after a gold medal slipped out of their hands, India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur harped on the need to stop repeating same mistakes in 'title clashes', saying the "mental block" has to be broken, going forward.

"Every time in big finals, we make the same mistakes again and again (with the bat), that is something we have to improve," Harmanpreet said.

"We don't do these mistakes in the league phase or in bilateral. That is blocking our mind somewhere," the skipper added.

"I am someone who is always looking for one more batter in the side. Unfortunately, we're working on that. Once we get that, this thing [collapsing] will go away." "After losing two crucial wickets, the way Jemi (Jemimah Rodrigues) and I batted was much needed at that time. You need to hold your nerves. We were nearly there." "Maybe if Pooja (Vastrakar) or I were around, we could've won the game. But that is part of the game; sometimes some things you can't control. It is great learning for us," she added.

"I know we were close to winning gold, but all around our performance was great. This is the first time we got to play in this tournament and we're happy to have won a silver medal.

"A medal is something people back home will get inspired from and they could start playing cricket. As a team, we want to inspire young girls. Doing well on this platform will motivate a lot of people back home."

All-rounder Tahlia McGrath was a part of the Australian playing XI despite testing positive for COVID-19.

"They informed us before the toss. That was something not in our control. The CWG had to take a decision and we were okay with it since she wasn't very ill, so we decided to play. We had to show sportsman spirit.

"I'm happy we didn't say no to Tahlia, it (missing the final) would've even very hard-hitting for her."

"If you want to beat this Australian team, you have to field well. If you give them easy runs, they can easily take the game away. We discussed it in the team meeting and Radha (Yadav) set the example for us."

India 1 women closer to gold; Uzbek battles to hold India 2 in Open

Praggnanadhaa to the fore again and provides the lead, but Gukesh's first loss dents the team's medal prospects

Top shows: Praggnanandhaa and Humpy had a rewarding day, posting resounding victories. •B. VELANKANNI RAJ

RAKESH RAO
MAMALLAPURAM

The dice rolled in favour of the host in the women's section with India 1 moving within the gold medal-grabbing distance in the Chess Olympiad.

In the 10th and penultimate round on Monday, the trio of K. Humpy, Tania Sachdev and Bhakti Kulkarni scored thumping victories to set up a resounding 3.5-0.5 over Kazakhstan, one of the three fellow-overnight leaders.

As things stand, a final-round victory over the US women will ensure the historic gold medal. In the Open section, India 1 also plays USA while India 2 takes on Germany.

The joy could have stood doubled if in-form D. Gukesh not slipped from a clearly better position to a heart-breaking loss against rising superstar Nodirbek Abdusattorov in the Open section.

Gukesh's defeat following a late one-move blunder in time-pressure nullified the lead provided by R. Praggnanandhaa and the match ended 2-2.

Before Uzbekistan escaped with a draw to reach 17 points, Armenia reached the tally with a 3-1 drubbing of Azerbaijan.

Golden chance missed

With India 2 missing a golden opportunity to displace Uzbekistan from the pedestal, it now has the company of USA, India 1, Armenia at 16 points for a share of the third spot.

On a day when Magnus Carlsen drew and Norway (12) lost 1.5-2.5 to Moldova for its third loss, India 1 stayed in medal contention with a 2.5-1.5 victory over Iran.

P. Harikrishna's loss on the top board was more than compensated by Vidit Gujrathi's first victory, combined with S.L. Narayanan's late, match-deciding triumph.

Top standings (after 10 rounds): Open: 1-2. Uzbekistan, Armenia (17 each), 3-5. India 2, India 1, USA (16 each), 6-11. Netherlands, Spain, England, Germany, Serbia and Moldova (15 each).

Women: 1. India 1 (17), 2-4. Poland, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Georgia (16 each), 6-10. India 2, USA, Kazakhstan, India 3 and Slovakia (15 each).

The results (10th round): Open: India 2 (16) drew with Uzbekistan (17) 2-2 (D. Gukesh lost to Nodirbek Abdusattorov; Nihal Sarin drew with Nodirbek Yakubboev; R. Praggnanandhaa bt Javokhir Sindarov; B. Adhiban drew with Jakhongir Vakhidov).

Iran (15) lost to India 1 (16) 1.5-2.5 (Parham Maghsoodloo bt P. Harikrishna; M. Amin Tabatabaei lost to Vidit Gujrathi; Pouya Idani drew with Arjun Erigaisi; Bardiya Daneshvar lost to S. L. Narayanan).

India 3 (13) drew with Slovakia (13) 2-2 (Surya Shekhar Ganguly drew with Jergus Pechac; S. P. Sethuraman lost to Viktor Gazik; M. Karthikeyan drew with Juraj Druska; Abhimanyu Puranik bt Christopher Repka).

Azerbaijan (14) lost to Armenia (17) 1-3; USA (16) bt Turkey (14) 3-1; Serbia (15) drew with Netherlands (15) 2-2; Hungary (14) drew with Ukraine (14) 2-2; Germany (15) bt Israel (13) 3-1; England (15) bt Italy (13) 3-1; France (14) drew with Lithuania (14) 2-2; Norway (12) lost to Moldova (15) 1.5-2.5.

Women: India 1 (17) bt Kazakhstan (15) 3.5-0.5 (K. Humpy bt Zhansaya Abdumalik; R. Vaishali drew with Bibisara Assaubayeva; Tania Sachdev bt Xeniya Balabayeva; Bhakti Kulkarni bt Gulskhan Nakhbayeva).

Netherlands (13) lost to India 2 (15) 1-3 (Peng Zhaoqin bt Vantika Agrawal; Machteld van Foreest lost to Padmini Rout; Rosa Ratsma lost to Mary Ann Gomes; Tea Lanchava lost to Divya Deshmukh).

India 3 (15) bt Sweden (13) 3-1 (Eesha Karavade drew with Pia Cramling; P. V. Nandhidhaa bt Inna Agrest; Varshini Sahithi drew with Anna Cramling Bellon; Pratyusha Bodda bt Vikrotia Johansson).

Georgia (16) drew with Poland (16) 2-2; Germany (14) lost to Ukraine (16) 1.5-2.5; Armenia (14) lost to Azerbaijan (16) 0-4; USA (15) bt Indonesia (13) 3-1; Cuba (13) lost to Slovakia (15) 1.5-2.5; Mongolia (14) drew with Bulgaria (14) 2-2.

Dhoni to attend closing ceremony

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Former India cricket captain M.S. Dhoni will attend the closing ceremony at the 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad to be held at the Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai on Tuesday. The event is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

M.K. Stalin, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu will preside over the function in the presence of Siva V. Meyyanathan, State Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development.

The other guests for the closing ceremony are GM Viswanathan Anand, FIDE deputy president, and Arkady Dvorkovih, FIDE president.

H.H. Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifa Al Nahyan, president of Asian Chess Federation, along with All India Chess Federation (AICF) president and secretary, Bharat Singh Chauhan, and Sanjay Kapoor will also be part of the event.

Meet a WGM, FIDE official, politician and banking expert — all rolled into one

Latvian Reizniece-Ozola has played in eight Olympiads

P.K. AJITH KUMAR
MAMALLAPURAM

She could well be the world's only minister to beat a reigning World champion. Dana Reizniece-Ozola, former Minister of Economics and then Finance of Latvia, breaks into a big smile when she is asked about her stunning victory over Hou Yifan, the second highest-rated female chess player of all time.

A politician's is only one of the many hats Reizniece-Ozola wears. She has been on the board of governors of the World Bank and the European Investment Bank as well. She is now world chess governing body FIDE's managing director.

Dana Reizniece-Ozola. •P.K. AJITH KUMAR

Splendid career

She has had a splendid career as a chess player too. She is a Woman Grandmaster and played for Latvia in eight Olympiads. And it was in one of those Olympiads, back in 2016, that she stunned the four-time World champion from China, who was rated some 400 Elo points above. She was then the Minister of Finance, but still found time to play on the top board for Latvia.

"Sometimes when you are away from regular chess, you get a spark," Reizniece-Ozola tells *The Hindu*, smiling. "I come from a country with a strong chess tradition and school, and it is like learning to ride a bicycle; you will never forget that."

That Olympiad at Baku (Azerbaijan) was her last as a player. "I was too busy fighting the elections in my country during the 2018 Olympiad," she says. "Now it feels a bit strange being at the Olympiad here, as normally would be fighting for my country."

She is impressed by the way India has hosted the Olympiad. "India has done an amazing job, completing the mission impossible. Everybody knew that India had the resources to conduct an Olympiad but nobody thought it would be done at this level," she said.

Gukesh's thought process cost him

Great to see India 1 pull level with India 2; kudos to Tania

En Passant

VISWANATHAN ANAND

Tania Sachdev. •VELANKANNI RAJ

Bhakti Kulkarni. •B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

It was a great result for India 1 as it caught up with India 2 to occupy the second place in the Open section of the Chess Olympiad.

But it was a very tough day for India 2. D. Gukesh had a completely winnable position but somehow the conversion dragged on, and it is usually a bad sign when you're unable to convert.

CASAGRAND
building aspirations

Gukesh outplayed Uzbekistan's Nodirbek Abdusattorov with the greatest of ease, and everyone was very impressed with his play. But Abdusattorov defended tenaciously and Gukesh somehow kept missing the moment.

Then came a certain point where Gukesh simply misplayed everything, but he could have still played for a draw. I was really hoping that he would make a draw here, because it's a well-known phenomenon that when you cross that bridge, there's a point of no return. Especially when you have been winning before, you don't want to accept that events have changed.

I have suffered in such situations many times. So, I was really hoping that Gukesh would know how to stop and just make a draw, especially since R. Praggnanandhaa was already winning. I don't think Gukesh necessarily played for a win or a draw. He just kept going on autopilot. It was typical because he was still in the mentality of "I should be winning this".

He has not had the time to adjust. And finally, the tragedy happened. And when you're not thinking straight and you are as tired as he is, the result could get tough.

You must give full credit to Abdusattorov that from a completely hopeless position, he was still able to keep making moves without collapsing. It is not stuff of beauty, but this is how you win games.

In the Open section, P. Harikrishna escaped the worst and then seemed to drop back into trouble. Vidit Gujrathi played a fantastic game today and since S. L. Narayanan was already in a very good situation, India 1 clinched this one.

Leaders Armenia and Uzbekistan, having already faced each other, will battle for the first place against the other contenders.

For women, it was a very good result for India 1 and Tania Sachdev played an exceptional game. She is really the superstar in that team. There were also some great performances from Koneru Humpy and Bhakti Kulkarni today. Since Poland has a better tiebreaker, there is still some intrigue there, but everything again comes down to the last day.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Winner: The triumphant KSCA 'A' badminton team. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Arjun stars with a hat-trick

P. Arjun's hat-trick helped Frank Antony PS defeat Vidyashilp Academy 3-2 in the St. Joseph's Boys' HS Centenary Shield (under-17) inter-school hockey tournament here.

The results: FAPS 3 (P. Arjun 17, 20, 31) bt Vidyashilp Academy 2 (A. Ayush 20, 31); St Joseph's BHS 1 (Ambaran 13) bt St John's HS 0.

Aryan powers Vijayanagar BC to victory

Aryan's 28 points powered Vijayanagar BC past Mangalore BC 60-45 in the State Youth (Under-16) basketball championship for boys at Sree Kanteerava Stadium courts here on Monday.

The results: Boys: SAI Dharwad 47 (Sachin 14) bt Appaiah BC 46 (Rohit 10); MNK Rao BC 67 (Ajay 13, Anirudh 12) bt JSC 31 (Ranjoy 12); Vijayanagar BC 60 (Aryan 28, Pratham 10) bt Mangalore BC 45 (Ashmit Shetty 24); BCBC 42 (K. Parth 16) bt Miracle BC 17; Koramangala SC 83 (Sudeep 19, Raghav 19) bt Hoysala BC 16; Devanga Union 60 (Manoj Ranga 15, K. Aditya 11) bt Rajkumar BC 28 (J. Deon 13); PPC 92 (Milind 20, Varun 18) bt Spartans BC 19; Vivek's SC 71(L. Allen 14, Srinath Vikram 10) bt IBBC 21 (Arjun Kannan 10); Mysore BC 39 (Likith 16) bt Bangalore Sporting 30 (Anirudh Desai 10); VNSC 72 (Ayush 10) bt Gulbarga BC 18; VBC 50 (Gowtham 11) bt YCBC 13; Merchants BC 48 (Karan Gowda 15, Sujal 15) bt Cincinnatics BC 22.

Girls: Young Orions 40 (Ankita 27) bt YMMA 16.

Bhuvan, Vikram anchor Swastic Union (1) chase

Bhuvan Raju (85) and Vikram Kumar (66 n.o.) took Swastic Union (I) to a nine-wicket victory over Jaidur Cricketers in the KSCA under-19 inter-club tournament here.

The scores: Jaidur Cricketers 178 in 48.3 overs (M. Abhishek 32, Kavisha Umesh 41, Sujaybhushan Patil 35, L. Gagan 33, Aryan Nambiar 4/24) lost to Swastic Union (1) 179/1 in 20.3 overs (Bhuvan Raju 85, Vikram Kumar 66 n.o.).

Friends Union CC 159/5 in 21.0 overs (Rohan Yareshmi 45) drew with Swastic Union (2) 68/2 in 5.5 overs (M.B. Shivam 37) (Match abandoned due to rain).

Herons 188/7 in 42 overs (S. Siddharth 31, Nikhil George 62 n.o., Yeshith Uday 26, B. Akshan 3/29) bt Rajajinagar Cricketers 132/8 in 34.5 overs (R. Vivek 37, Aarush Sunandanan 3/23) (via better run rate, after match stopped due to rain).

Friends Union Cricketers 206 in 44.3 overs (Yashas Vihaan 56, Purna Chandra 67, Siddharth Ashok 3/42, Sidvin Gowda 5/26) bt Hanumanthnagar 165 in 38.1 overs (Amogh Shetty 51, Nouman Rahaman 3/39, Sujith Sreekumar 3/41).

Sir Syed Cricketers 231/6 in 45 overs (Pragyan Hota 61, C.R. Kumarswamy 67, Shatak Gunjal 63 n.o., S. Daivik 3/46) lost to The Bangalore Cricketers 126/2 in 16 overs (M. Tanush 91) (Match was interrupted by rains, target was revised to 124 in 24 overs)

Jawahar (1) 264 in 42.3 overs (S. Chaitanya 58, Hrishith Shetty 67, M.P. Samarth 40, Madhav Mandayam 33, Hardik Raj 28, Dhanush Manu 4/31) bt Engrades 135 in 38.2 overs (Shiva Guru 39, Ashish Nayak 3/24).

Cavaliers 117 in 40.2 overs (Tejas Murdeshwar 28, A.P. Bhaveesh 5/18) lost to Bangalore Occasionals 118/3 in 18.2 overs (Diwaka Shankar 49).

KSCA 'A' claims inter-club badminton title

Host KSCA 'A' won the KSCA Yokohama inter-club badminton tournament with a 3-0 victory over HBCC in the final here.

Former national champion Arvind Bhat was the chief guest at the prize ceremony.

Mayank's knock sets up Blasters' victory

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CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

Bengaluru Blasters, powered by a breezy half-century by skipper Mayank Agarwal, began its campaign with a 54-run win over Gulbarga Mystics in the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 cricket tournament here on Monday.

Blasters, batting first, scored 189 for eight in its 20 overs. It was off to a blazing start with Mayank (52, 25b, 7x4, 2x6) going after the bowlers.

Mayank added 61 for the opening wicket with L.R. Chethan (25, 16b, 5x4) off just 31 balls before the latter was dismissed.

Later, K.V. Aneesh scored a well compiled 44 (40b, 5x4) as Blaster posted a competitive total.

In reply, Gulbarga Mystics never recovered after losing two wickets in the first over. It folded up for 135 in 19.1 overs.

C.A. Karthik was dismissed off the first ball when his uppish cut off Ronit More was taken by J. Suchith at point. Skipper Manish Pandey (2) then departed, dismissed by More who finished with four wickets.

The scores: Bengaluru Blasters 189/8 in 20 overs (Mayank Agarwal 52, K.V. Aneesh 44, L.R. Chethan 25, Ritesh Bhatkal 2/18, Vidwath Kaverappa 2/35) bt Gulbarga Mystics 135 in 19.1 overs (Manoj Bhandage 35, K.L. Shrijith 25, Ronit More 4/22, L.R. Kumar 2/12, S.A. Rishi Bopanna 2/19).

Mysore Warriors 112/5 in 16.3 overs (Nihal Ullal 44, A.C.Rohit Kumar 2/32) lost to Mangalore United 63/2 in 7.5 overs. United won by 8 runs via VJD method.

Breezy knock: Skipper Mayank got his side off to a blazing start. •M.A. SRIRAM

IN BRIEF

CWG likely in Africa: says CGF official

BIRMINGHAM

The Commonwealth Games is likely to enter Africa in the near future as there is "active interest" from African nations, Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) chief executive officer Katie Sadleir said on Monday. "I hope it will open up a few eyes for the future Games," she said. PTI

We are one of the top organising nations: Anand

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MAMALLAPURAM

Viswanathan Anand believes the 44th Chess Olympiad has been a phenomenal success.

He said it in as many words in his first press conference after getting elected as FIDE deputy president. "We are already one of the top nations (in playing chess) now we are also one of the top organising nations," he said.

"Having held an Olympiad, we can say that. The next step is to cover the gaps we have. We need to get more girls and women into chess. We need to push the game in school as well."

He commended the involvement of the Tamil Nadu government in the conduct of the Olympiad. "You could see that with the number of spectators coming from all parts of the State, even all parts of the country," he said.

Anand at the press conference. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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